

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* K.Thomerson

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* D.L. Schutte

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5* C.M.Widor

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Today we warmly welcome to the pulpit Rev. Dr. Betty Tom. She was a teacher and school counselor for 22 years. Rev. Tom holds a Doctor of Ministry and has served churches in Indianapolis, Mt Vernon, NY, and Newark, NJ. After 21 years of pastoring, she retired in 2022. She is a lifelong learner, social justice advocate, avid football and basketball fan, reader and writer, and enjoys jazz, swimming, prayer, and her six children and three grandchildren.

The **Liturgist** for today is Louise Sgarro.

Prayer Concerns: those in need of comfort or healing; those in need of food or shelter; for unity and reconciliation amongst those in conflict; for health and the rights of peoples worldwide; for those celebrating/observing important holidays of other faiths this week; for forgiveness; and for us to see your guidance and opportunities to serve.

This Week:

Wednesday 7:00pm - Trustees Meeting

Thursday 6:30pm - Bell Choir, 7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Reminder: on weekdays, please plan visits to the church and offices *after* Nursery School hours (8:15am-2:45pm) if possible. If you must be here during the school day: notify staff *before* your arrival, enter/exit at the door by dumpster, ring bell upon arrival (even if using key), and be sure to sign in/out on the visitor log clipboard by the door. This policy ensures NJ school regulations are being met.



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Rev. Dr. Betty J. Tom, *Guest Pastor*
Sung-Hae Jung, *Organist & Choir Director*
Dr. Kelsey Lambright, *Family Faith Formation Facilitator*
Diann Gropp-Roth, *Office Administrator*

April 7, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 AM

PRELUDE "Alleluia" from *Exsultate Jubilate* W.A.Mozart

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT *Great is Thy Faithfulness* W.M.Runyan

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Into our fears and through our locked doors.

Come, Almighty God.

When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

Come, Holy Spirit.

For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis, Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN #268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* G.J.Elvey

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and

by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Spiritual/M.W.Costen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Henry W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 4:32-35

ANTHEM *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Engelberg/H.Ziegenhals
Children's Choir & Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31

SERMON "The Thomas in Us" Rev. Dr. Betty J. Tom

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #684 *Faith Begins By Letting Go* C.F. Gounod

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Song of Peace* J. M. Donnelly
Intergenerational Choir