

# Order of Worship

## *Worship Series : A Living Hope*

April 16, 2023 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

### **Prelude**

#### **King of Heaven**

Mack Brock/Phil Wickham

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

arr. Matt Schinske

*We turn our eyes to see your face; Be lifted high upon our praise  
Here and now Jesus be enthroned; Let heaven come*

### **Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

### **Greeting**

Leader: Come, bless the Lord who guides us,  
whose wise teaching directs our days  
and focuses our minds at night;  
whose presence sustains us  
and surrounds us here.

People: **We bless the Lord who is present among us.  
We will not be shaken or live in fear,  
but will sing God's praise  
and worship with joy!**

### **Hymn**

#### **Living Hope**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?  
When we are so full of ourselves,  
it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.  
Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture  
that obscures the signs pointing to you.  
Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart  
when we don't recognize you in our neighbor,  
or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.  
Our eyes and ears have become so crammed  
with the sights and sounds of living  
that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

**People:** Risen Lord Jesus,  
help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders  
our awareness of your presence with us.  
Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence,  
so that, like the disciples who first encountered the Resurrected Christ,  
we too might hasten to share this great good news with others.  
Amen.

**Words of Forgiveness**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: We know that we have been born anew into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
God's great love for the world is revealed  
in the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it.  
Through the grace of Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**

**Be Thou My Vision**

arr. Sandra Eithun

Chapel Bells

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Fullness of Joy**

Rev. Wines

**Prayer of the People**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Offering**

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*and click "Make your online offering."*

**Hymn**

**He Lives**

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**Benediction**

Rev. Wines

**Postlude**

**"Allegro" from Concerto No. 4 in F Major**

G. F. Handel

Mark Frazier, organ