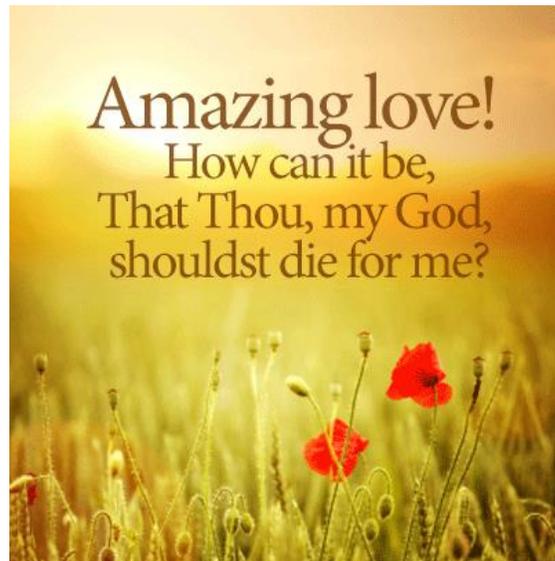


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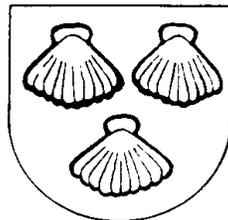


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“Who We Are”

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WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“He Is Risen” (Neander) *Offered by Clarice Snyder, organ*

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Call to Worship

Nancy Janson

Come with your doubts and fears.

This is scary.

Call on God, who will answer you.

God is hard to hear these days.

Come to the One who will give your souls peace.

It is so hard to believe.

Come, claim your identity as beloved children of God.

We come, uncertain, but longing to hear God speak to us this morning.

Threshold

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)” (Refrain)

Amazing Love, how can it be, that you my King would die for me

Amazing Love, I know it's true, it's my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You.

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Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

Come to us, God, for we are waiting-

Waiting and hoping that your word of peace will soothe our fearful and doubting souls.

Open our hearts to the message you would share with us today through song, prayer and meditation, that our souls might reach out, touch you, and believe.

Help us claim our identity as your beloved children. Help us live into this identity, today and always, that we might radiate your love to others. Come, beloved One, we are here to listen and be transformed. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

UMH 322

Verse 1

Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Savior
Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord

Chorus

Chorus

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose He arose
Hallelujah Christ arose

Verse 2

Vainly they watch His bed Jesus my Savior
Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord

Chorus

Verse 3

Death cannot keep its prey Jesus my Savior
He tore the bars away Jesus my Lord

Chorus

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Prayer of Confession

Nancy Janson

God of our hearts and lives, too many times have we doubted and turned away,
Failing to recognize you or your voice; denying our true identity.
We despair of the way things are in the world and can find no true peace.
We search for answers in places where truth cannot be found.
We long to return to you, O God, that we may hear your voice in the maelstrom
And in the cacophony of voices that overwhelm our senses and cloud our minds.
Strengthen our wondering unbelief, and fulfill our longing to truly know you.
Open our minds to understand the scriptures,
And transform our lives into a powerful witness of your radical love for all. Amen.

Assurance and Peace

Say to one another: Peace. Do not fear. Believe.

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Children's Message

Jane Ohlmacher

Scripture

Luke 24: 36b-48 (CEB)

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³⁶Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ³⁷They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have.” ⁴⁰As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

1 John 3: 1-7 (CEB)

³ See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God’s children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn’t recognize him, it doesn’t recognize us.

² Dear friends, now we are God’s children, and it hasn’t yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we’ll see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. ⁴ Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶ Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

⁷ Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

Hymn

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

UMH 325

Verse 1

Hail Thou once despised Jesus
Hail Thou Galilean King
Thou didst suffer to release us
Thou didst free salvation bring
Hail Thou univernal Savior
Who hast borne our sin and shame
By Thy merits we find favor
Life is given through Thy name

Verse 2

Paschal Lamb by God appointed
All our sins on thee were laid
By almighty love anointed
Thou hast full atonement made
Every sin may be forgiven
Through the virtue of thy blood
Opened is the gate of heaven
Reconciled are we with God

Verse 3

Jesus hail enthroned in glory
There forever to abide
All the heavenly hosts adore Thee
Seated at Thy Father's side
There for sinners Thou art pleading
There Thou dost our place prepare
Thou for saints art interceding
Till in glory they appear

Verse 4

Worship honor power and blessing
Christ is worthy to receive
Loudest praises without ceasing
Right it is for us to give
Help ye bright angelic spirits
Bring your sweetest noblest lays
Help to sing of Jesus's merits
Help to chant Emmanuel's praise

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Message

“Who We Are”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World

Nancy Janson

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The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Closing Hymn

“He Is Exalted”

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He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name
He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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Benediction

Postlude

“He Is Exalted” (Twila Paris, arr. by Mark Hayes)
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