



***During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.  
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.***

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prelude in E flat</i>	Douglas
<b>Introit</b>	<i>Spirit of God</i>	Folts

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #104**

**Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak. We fail to help when we could be your blessing to others. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Congregational Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*God's Care*

*Logan*

**\*Hymn #592**

*The Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Choral Response**

**Anthem**

*Let the Flame Burn Brightly*

*Rush*

**Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 11:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

<sup>7</sup> Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

<sup>8</sup> So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn**

**I Surrender All**

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine.  
(Refrain)
4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me.  
(Refrain)
5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.  
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory, to his name!  
(Refrain)

## Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

<sup>9</sup> And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

### The Parables of Jesus: Sowing Seeds

*"And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:  
'Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.'" (Mark 4:2-3)*

## Prayers of the People

### \*Hymn #426

### Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou has sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Closing Response

He Lives

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

### \*Postlude

*How Firm A Foundation*

Scott

\*Please stand if able.

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