



Second Sunday of Easter
10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 16, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolytes: Anabelle Rook

Altar Guild: Jay and Robin Gallo

Communion: Rick and Diane Dowling

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Usher: Mark Pichler

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me (*Chorus*)

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through
and I can feel this God song rising up in me (*Chorus*)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

You Shine

Why should I feel lost
When You made the heavens
Why should I feel afraid
When you put the stars in place
Why should I lose heart
When I know how great You are
Why should I give up
When Your plans are full of love

You shine
Brighter than the brightest star
Your love
Purer than the purest heart
You shine
Filling us with courage and strength
To follow You

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and

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see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe! I believe!
My shame is taken away
My faith is in His name
I believe! I believe!
I'll raise the banner
My Lord has conquered the grave
My redeemer lives, my redeemer lives
My redeemer lives, my redeemer lives

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the following refrain after each petition.

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Healing: For Cara Boyer's dad, Jim, cataract surgery
With the Boyers for Leonard, heart surgery
For Arlene Davis' great-niece, Danielle

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am

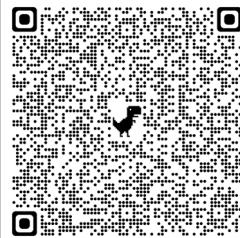
Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

**Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am (*Chorus*)

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

SOLO

All My Hope

SONGS

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Every fear, has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name

All the weak, find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls, receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name (*Chorus*)

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise
Your great name**

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG

Everyday

Everyday, it's You I live for
Everyday, I'll follow after You
Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord

Everyday, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world

SENDING

P: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

C: Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



ASCENSION

Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break if needed.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

Lost & Found: Please check the table that has items from the Lost & Found on display. If not collected, we'll be donating them -- coffee cups, jackets, glasses, sweatshirts, and all.

Outlaw Christian Book Study: This new book study begins on Monday, April 17. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/PCBookstudy2023-4> and choose a time that works for you, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. We will meet for 5 weeks. If you are longing for an authentic faith that is bold, outspoken and active in a world of pain, join Pastor Chris and others for this book study. Books are available for \$13 from Amazon or Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

Pastoral Assistants: Ascension's pastoral assistants meet today at noon.

Read all about April at Ascension! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

First Communion Stepping Stones: We are excited to begin the journey with 4th grade students and parents through the three-part First Communion Stepping Stone that will take place in West Hall between services today and on April 23 and 30. The Rite of First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (bilingual) services. Please contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org, with questions.

JOLT meets at 6 p.m. on April 20 and 27.

CRASH meets at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 23.

Property Clean-Up: Time to get out and see what Mother Nature has for us! Join us May 6, 8a-12p, to spruce up the grounds. Needed are rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and many hands!

Auction for Tanzania & El Salvador May 20: The spaghetti supper benefitting our partnerships in Tanzania and El Salvador is back! Do you have connections or special skills that would make a great auction item? Is your small group willing to put together a basket? Do you have a Thrivent membership and would you be willing to create an Action Team to provide financial support? With partnership trips coming up in June, we need your help for our May 20 event. If you are able to help, please complete this form, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCAuction2023>, or contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org.

Diapers Needed: Hope Center is in need of diapers sizes 3-7 and wipes. Donations accepted at Hope Center anytime Monday-Friday 8-4pm.

Blessing Box & the Food Pantry: Please remember to pick up a few items from the grocery store and put them in the marked bins in the Donation Center.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

We're always looking for help!

See the complete schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>.

Sunday, Apr. 23	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Aidan Miller	Aidan Poling
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Becky Pepper	Becky Hastings, Mike Tomchek
Media	Brian Novotny	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	

CALENDAR

See the full calendar and a list of events on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

Sun Apr 16

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

9:50am First Communion Step-
ping Stone WH KIT

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 17

10am PC Book study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Apr 18

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed Apr 19

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

Thu Apr 20

9:30am TGIT HR

Thu Apr 20 cont.

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Fri Apr 21

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Apr 22

9am Tutoring

Sun Apr 23

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

9:50am First Communion Step-
ping Stone WH KIT

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

1pm Private event SN

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 24

10am PC Book study HR

1pm Knit Wits WH

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Tue Apr 25

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Apr 26

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

Thu Apr 27

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Sat Apr 29

9am Tutoring

Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did God invite you here?

How can we share the life of Ascension with you?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.



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