Order of Worship: Sunday, May 16, 2021

Prelude and Lighting of Candles *This Joyful Eastertide* (setting by M. Burkhardt)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Through our hymns and songs, our prayer and meditation,
the joining of our lives in fellowship we worship you,
Father Son and Holy Spirit.
Enfold us in your love,
and empower our worship
that your name might be glorified in this place and in our lives.

Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (UMH 64)

Affirmation of Faith

We hold in common with all Christians a faith in the mystery of salvation
in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that God's redemptive love is realized in human life
by the activity of the Holy Spirit,
both in personal experience and in the community of believers.
We understand ourselves to be part of Christ's universal church
when by adoration, proclamation, and service we become conformed to Christ.
We recognize that the reign of God is both a present and future reality.
We hold to the authority of Scripture in matters of faith,
the confession that our justification as sinners is by grace through faith,
and the realization that the church is in need of continual reformation and renewal.
In this local congregation, our mission is to be a faithful community of disciples who serve
as the heart, hands and feet of Jesus so that all people may come to know the love of God.
With God's help, we continue to grow toward that end. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Children's Chat

Sermon *Responses to the Resurrection: Mission*
Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Closing Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* (UMH 545)

Closing Prayer

As we take our worship, praise and prayer from this place and into our daily lives,
may our lives be sustained through the love of God;
May we feel the presence of Jesus walking beside us,
and know the power of the Spirit in both our actions and our words.
Amen

Postlude *Rondo* (John Bull)