

**Order of Worship: Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**8:30 and 11:00 AM Services of Worship**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven, Senior Pastor

**Prelude**

*Partita on 'Darwall's 148th':*

C. Callahan

*1. Procession, 3. Ornamented Chorale, 4. Duo*

**Lighting of the Candles**

Acolytes

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 100 (UMH 821) Ryan Kline/Julia Cox and Congregation  
(with musical response 1)

**R** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God!

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God,  
the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever;**

**God's faithfulness to all generations. R**

**Opening Hymn**

*Come, We that Love the Lord*

UMH 732

**Affirmation of Faith**

Ryan Kline (8:30)/Julia Cox (11:00) and Congregation

**We believe in the Most High God**

**who strengthens us and repays us many more times than we expect.**

**We believe in God who gives generously**

**and who expects the same from all creatures God has made.**

**We believe in God whose utmost, loving sacrifice**

**is experienced through Jesus Christ, who paid it all.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ consciously and lovingly emptied himself**

**so that we may learn to make sacrifice and live joyfully before God.**

**By Christ's impartial love we learn to love all those on the margins,**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who enables us to represent Jesus to the world.**

**We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit a new community will be  
created without labels.**

**We believe all has been accomplished for deliverance and salvation**

**and is now being lived in flesh even as God is glorified.**

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**Gloria**

UMH 70

**Passing of the Peace**

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Anthem (11:00)**      *Amazing Grace*    setting by J. Schrader    Covenant Chancel Choir**Children's Chat**      Rev. Dr. Scriven**The Offering****Offering Prayer**

Rev. Piccioni

**Offertory***God Is Our Refuge and Strength*    A. Pote

Youth Choir

**Doxology**

UMH 94

**Scripture**      James 1:2-6      Ryan Kline/Julia Cox**Sermon**      "Choosing Joy"      Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven**Baptism (11:00)**      Madesen Carter**Closing Hymn**      *Christ for the World We Sing*      UMH 568**Sending Forth**      Rev. Scriven**Postlude**      *Partita on 'Darwall's 148th: 7. Postlude*      C. Callahan

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