

ANTHEM

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Old Testament Reading: Psalm 4 (Pew Bible Page #490)

New Testament Reading: Luke 24:36b-48 (Pew Bible Page #91)

SERMON *Can Peace Be with Us?*

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HYMN #538 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

**1 Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

**2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel’s joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.**

**3 So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.**

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Kate Kelly

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 14, 2024

10:30AM



WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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APRIL’S MISSION OF THE MONTH

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PRELUDE

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thomas Ruehle

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ’s presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

***HYMN # 302** “*I Danced in the Morning*”

**1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain:

**"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

**2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]**

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people, they said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]**

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]**

**5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- inspired by Luke 24:36-53

God, You have told us to trust in you with all of our hearts.

You have told us not to lean on our own understanding.

And so we try to trust,

but we get very nervous when we don't understand.

We don't understand what you mean by

“This bread is my body.” “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.”

We don't understand who will betray you
or why or what that will mean for us.

We don't understand how death is victory.

We don't understand post-resurrection life—yours or ours.

We don't understand why you ask us to stay here,

And we're afraid we will somehow miss the power when it comes down from on high.

Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus is gentle with our doubts.

The Spirit offers us peace in the midst of our lack of understanding.

The One who created us leads us step by step into deeper trust.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, amen! Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Rev. Kate Kelly

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 and ever. Amen.