

**SERMON** *Easter People in a Post-Christian World*  
Rev. Tom Albin

\* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Go, Make of All Disciples* No. 571

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

**Communion is available** at the rail following the service.

Our prayer team is available during the serving of communion for a time of healing and anointing prayer. You may share a prayer concern with the prayer team, or simply ask them to pray for your unvoiced concern.

### Today's Servants

Rev. Dr. David Summers, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Eve Williams, Associate Pastor  
Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Director  
Dr. Ashley Snavley, Music and Arts Ministries Director and Organist  
Dr. Andria Fennig, Worship Accompanist/Director of Contemporary Worship Arts  
Thomas Strawser, Assistant Music Director and Youth Choir Director

**USHERS:** Brent Boyd, Donna Johnson, John Nichols, Barbara Ratliff

**READER:** Maureen Rogers

**AUDIO:** Jim DeBusk **VIDEO:** Kim Summers



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**Worship Celebration**  
April 17, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.



**Our Mission:**  
*Alive with the Spirit,  
we bring God's love into action  
by igniting faith, transforming lives,  
and creating community.*



*God's Love in Action™*

*We welcome Rev. Tom Albin, Dean of Upper Room Chapel,  
as our guest preacher this morning.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

**PRELUDE**

*Pray-lude*  
Paula Provo, harp

Frank Voltz

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: calling us to heal and transform the brokenness of our world.**

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost  
and all who need to meet God's love.**

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: calling us to be disciples to the world,  
sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* vs. 1-4

Hymnal No. 155

**\* OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

Christopher Wurpts

**Loving God, open us to your resurrection life  
that knows no boundaries.**

**Surprise us with your grace.**

**We pray for your power that raised Christ from the dead  
to fill us and lift us out of darkness. Amen.**

**\* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**\* HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* vs. 1&4 No. 557

*When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Redeeming God, you bring life out of dead ends,  
and hope in the midst of despair.**

**Forgive us for doubting that you are still at work  
even in the darkest hour, even in the most painful moments.**

**Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion,  
our too frequent reluctance to trust and serve you.**

**Shape in us a faithful witness and bold compassion.**

**Make us true disciples, who are filled with love, acting with justice,  
and living out hope. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

*(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)*

**ANTHEM**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Dan Forrest

Paradise Singers; Paula Provo, harp; Mary DiBartolo, cello

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

Don Wall, chair of Missions Team

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Cantique de Jean Racine*

Fauré

Paula Provo, harp

**\* DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION** *In the Garden* No. 314

**SCRIPTURE** *John 1:1-14*

(page 91 N.T., Pew Bible)

Leader: God's Word for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**