

Scripture Theme for 2025
For God gave us a Spirit not of Fear
But of Power and Love and Self Control
2 Timothy 1:7



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April 27, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on Face book
Live or in the Sanctuary.*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

*Point to Ponder: Jesus' resurrection is not so much an event to look at,
as one to look through.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rudy Hyde

Leader: The tomb was found empty!

People: What does this mean?

Leader: Jesus has risen!

People: What does this mean?

Leader: Jesus comes to us, saying, "Peace be with you!"

People: What does this mean?

Leader: O ye of little faith, do not doubt, but believe!

People: What does this mean?

**All: Come, let us walk the journey of faith, acknowledging
our doubts but holding on to hope, for Christ is
Risen!**

SONG OF PRAISE

No. 304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: God of empty tombs and empty people: When we
hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us
voice.

People: When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion.

Pastor: When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.

People: When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.

Pastor: When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with Your joy.

A moment of silence with God in your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Peaceful God, as we remember the risen Christ offering peace to His disciples, we bring these gifts before you, filled with gratitude for the new life and hope you have given us.

Just as Jesus sent his followers into the world with the message of forgiveness, may these offerings be used to share that message of peace, healing, and reconciliation with others. Bless these gifts, that they may help spread the good news of your resurrection and bring light to a world in need of your love. Amen.

**OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY**

Tom Hoehn

SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL:

Psalm 30:5

Weeping may last through the night but...

Joy comes in the Morning

Psalm 30:5

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Rudy Hyde

John 20:19-31

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!*

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Eye Witness Report"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 880

"The Nicene Creed"

***SONG OF GOING FORTH**

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"Open Our Eyes"

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the amazing grace from our God, who calls us to eternal life in Jesus Christ, carry us through the storms of life.

People: **May this wondrous grace from God nourish faith within us and fill us with courage for living faithful discipleship as ministers of Jesus Christ..**

Pastor: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.**

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn

