

Scripture Theme for 2024: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21 2024- 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:
For God NOTHING is a Waste.



OPENING HYMN **No. No 393**
"Something Beautiful"

CALL TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

Rudy Hyde

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

People: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

People: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

People: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Creator God you have made all things and you called them good and yet in our selfishness and self-centeredness we have turned them into something bad. God we are here today to be as honest with you as we can. Not because of you because you already know us, but we are doing it for us so that our honesty and your grace can collide into real forgiveness. . . .

A moment of silence 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.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

TFWS 2068

"I Love You, Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability. Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and in action. We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you. Use these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers. In the name of the One who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

and lean not on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

PSALTAR

Bill Elliott

Psalm 107: 1-7; 33-343

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

“The Dumpster Redeemer”

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

TFWS 2108

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Pastor: Here and now I'm in the fire, in above my head,

People: Being held under the pressure, don't know what will be left.

Pastor: But it's here in the ashes, I'm finding treasure.

People: He's making diamonds out of dust.

Pastor: He is refining, And in his timing,

People: He's making diamonds out of us.

Pastor: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

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

**From the gospel song "Diamonds,"
recorded by Hawk Nelson:**

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn

