

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

9:30 a.m.

"These encounters ought to inspire us to see the unexpected ways God will call us to serve God and neighbor in our everyday lives." E. Barreto

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Toni DiCapua
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Lou Pennebaker

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 276
Great is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, You call us to share the good news. You give us your Holy Spirit to guide us. Forgive us when we fail to heed your Spirit's call. Transform our reticence; you know what we need. Equip us that we may share the gospel of Jesus Christ with joy. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who wish may stand.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Melissa Seaton
Acts 11:19-30 *The Message*

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Spirit, Now Live in Me... Brian Jeffery Leach
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-18 pg. 1714, 1717

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Charie Reid
"Growing Large and Strong in the Master"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE see next page
I Love to Tell the Story

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN No. 319
Spirit

* BENEDICTION Ephesians 3:20-21

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal
Go Now in Peace

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toni DiCapua

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