

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

Christ Be My Leader ... John Behnke

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

People: We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

Leader: Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in his graciousness.

People: God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.

Leader: Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

People: We rejoice with God who is with us always.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Here in This Place

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

What can we say about our foolish lives, Holy One? Too often, we choose to worship power when we could serve others in humility. We toss and turn at night, all those things over which we have no control keeping us wide awake, when we could turn them over to you. No matter how many times we hear the news that death has lost its power over us, we dread that day and try everything we can to postpone it. For believing that our sins are more powerful than your mercy, forgive us, God of Grace. You cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, and we are embraced with your hope, blessed with your love.

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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 Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Ben Ball

Genesis 2: 9, 15-17 (pg. 4)

 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

The Journey ... Cynthia Clawson, arr. Larry Shackley

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 1628)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico

“What Does It Mean That the Bible is True?”

1st in the series *Reading the Bible in Healthier Ways*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * **♪ Hymn of Response · Spirit of the Living God**
No. 322

Offering

- Call for Offering
- ♪ Offertory
Be Thou My Vision ... Michael Burkhardt
- * **♪ Doxology**
No. 592
- * **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * **♪ Closing Hymn · Be Thou My Vision**
No. 339
- * **Benediction**
- * **♪ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**
(inside cover of hymnal)

♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter
The Strife Is Over ... Wilbur Held