

The roses placed today are in celebration of the birth of Margot Rebecca Pfeil and Simon Robert Pfeil, born May 1st, son and daughter of Kristin and Doug Pfeil and grandchildren of Garry and Kathy Pfeil and Joanne Felix.

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER p. 17

▲ THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All the baptized are welcome to commune at this table of the Lord. If you are not baptized, but you desire to receive Jesus, then you too are welcome at this table. We ask that you seek us out for spiritual care. The ushers will guide you to the communion rails for the kneeling style of communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

▲ HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* No. 312

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

Choral Response (11:00) *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

POSTLUDE *Finale from Second Symphony* Widor



*A*mong the Bible's symbolic language, a three-day period signifies and points to an act of divine intervention that brings rescue and salvation. *On the third day* is a moment of transformation and release from experiences of sickness, despair, grief, danger, and death. *On the third day* is a dynamic emergence of new light and life. This dynamic metaphor is proclaimed in the Season of Resurrection as a word of comfort, joy, and hope.

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PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* Shackley
Douglas Tester, Organist

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the *Covenant of Fellowship*, sharing as much information with which you are comfortable, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ *denotes, please stand if comfortable.*

▲ CHIMES

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: The light of Christ rises in glory!
People: The light of Christ overcomes death.
Pastor: Chris is risen! Shout Alleluia!
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

▲ HYMN *I Come With Joy* No. 617

OPENING PRAYER

God of Sacrifice and Love, the birth of Christ means little if we are not born anew in him this Easter season. The sacrifice of Christ means little if we are not making a sacrifice of ourselves for hope and justice. The resurrection of Christ means little if we are not raised to new heights of faith and discipleship. Christ is Risen! In glory he has come! Raise us, too, and let us live for your glory, gracious and merciful Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dick Rapson, 8:15; Betsy Leone, 11:00

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-12 Pew Bible (OT), p. 17

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Communion Song* Perkins
Sanctuary Choir with Bob Quaille on Oboe
Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director of Choral Music

PSALTER WITH RESPONSE 2 Psalm 121 No. 844

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

▲ GOSPEL READING John 20:24-30 Pew Bible (NT), p. 115

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN *O Come and Dwell in Me* No. 388

SERMON SERIES *On the 3rd Day... Abraham Unbinds Isaac* Pastor Bill Lentz

Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac is a defining moment for them both. They will never again speak to each other. It is on the third day of the journey to the sacrifice that Abraham sees the place where his obedience will be tested. We learn it is Abraham's obedience that saves his son Isaac as well.

▲ CREED Nicene No. 880

▲ INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE p. 12

▲ CONFESSION WITH PARDON AND PEACE

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY (8:15) *Improvisation*

OFFERTORY (11:00) *Amazing Grace* Newton/Walker
Bob Quaille on English Horn