

## 8:30AM | April 14, 2024

You are invited to join the pastor, on the right side of the altar, for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.

## PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio) Dr. Esequiel Meza, organ Charles Callahan

## WELCOME

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: <u>www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/</u> See our full list of announcements here: <u>www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/</u>

#### \*HYMN

## Sing With All the Saints in Glory

UMH #702

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. God is alive. New birth is given. Hope is alive. A new age is dawning. Joy is alive. Redemption is here. Love is alive. Death cannot harm us. We are alive. New life is within us. The church is alive. God's spirit is within us. God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you. God of revelation, we learn from you.

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## **\*STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, He is the true and living God, worthy to receive glory and honor and praise. He created all things; by his will they existed and were created.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ;

all things came into being through him.

He is the image of the invisible God;

#### the first born of creation.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created,

he himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Being in the form of God, he emptied himself.

he took the form of a slave, and was born in human likeness. Being found in human form, he humbled himself;

he became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

he was buried; he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures. God also highly exalted Jesus:

he gave him the name that is above every name.

God has put all things under his feed:

he made him the head over all things for church, which is his body.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again:

**Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.** As all died in Adam,

so all will be made alive in Christ.

Thanks be to God

who gives us the victory.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*HYMN

## In the Garden

UMH #314

2

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** 

#### Numbers 21:4-9 John 3:14-21

The Word of God for the people of God! Thanks be to God!

## \*DOXOLOGY

# MESSAGE Understanding Easter: Lift High The Cross Rev. Kim Kinsey GIVING TALK AND OFFERING Tithes & offerings can be mailed to the church office. (524 Thunderbird Dr.) You may also give electronically on our website at www.westernhillsep.org/donate Messade \*HYMN Lift High the Cross UMH #159 BENEDICTION And Can It Be That I Should Gain? You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude. Judi Wilkinson, piano

# LAY READER: Eldene Amundson