



8:30AM | April 28, 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

More Love to Thee, O Christ
Doane/Hayes

Judi Wilkinson, piano

WELCOME

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/
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***HYMN**

Breathe of Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the message I have heard from him and now celebrate with you: Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.
Blessed are you who have not seen him, yet you truly believe and trust him.
See how good and delightful it is when Christians gather together as one.
The Lord has commanded a great blessing:
Life for evermore.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Dear God, you are astounding!
At the end of all your surprises you send among us the One who was crucified,
dead and buried, and risen into glory.
He comes now as a living Lord, defying our locked doors, banishing our fears,
greeting us with peace, and overwhelming us with awe and wondering love.
How paltry is our vaunted knowledge, how pathetic our cultured doubts,
when our souls are confronted with this risen Christ!
How blessed are those who believe him, and how happy are those who receive him.
Please receive our thanks, our praise and our worship,
and continue to bless us beyond our deserving, as we lift up our voices in celebration.
In the name of this same Christ Jesus whose presence makes this occasion. Amen!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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** **The Summons** TFWS #2130

***SCRIPTURE READING** **John 20:19-31**
 The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

***DOXOLOGY**

MESSAGE Rev. Kim Kinsey and Rev. Daniel Miller
Understanding Easter

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

***HYMN** **I Am Thine, O Lord** UMH #419

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Hymn to Joy** Dr. Esequiel Meza, organ
 Michael Burkhardt
You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.

LAY READERS: Sara Smith