

**Order of Worship**  
June 25th 2023 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

A new day has begun.

**Hope wins!**

A fresh start is granted.

**Faith wins!**

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

**Hope wins!**

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

**Faith wins!**

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

**Love wins!**

**Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!**

**Amen.**

~ written by Rev. Mindi

**Hymn of Praise**

*Be Still*

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**Verse 1**

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

**Verse 2**

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

**Verse 3**

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

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**Opening Prayer**

Come and worship Christ,  
the visible image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of creation,  
the eternal God:  
the one through whom all things were created,  
and in whom all things are held together.  
This is our God!  
Let's worship together.  
**Amen.**

**Special Music**

*Good Good Father*

Pat Barrett and Anthony Brown

## Scripture Reading

### **Acts 1:12-26**

#### **New Living Translation**

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. 13 When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). 14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

15 During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them. 16 “Brothers,” he said, “the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. 17 Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us.”

18 (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. 19 The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name Akeldama, which means “Field of Blood.”)

20 Peter continued, “This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, ‘Let his home become desolate, with no one living in it.’ It also says, ‘Let someone else take his position.’

21 “So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus— 22 from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus’ resurrection.”

23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they all prayed, “O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen 25 as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he has deserted us and gone where he belongs.” 26 Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Making Choices*

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*Let It Be*

John Lennon and Paul McCartney

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host**

**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

**Amen**

## Communion

## 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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

*Be Not Afraid* (Catholic Hymnal)

1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in  
foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and  
live.

### Refrain

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you  
rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters  
in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it  
all.

### Refrain

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you  
rest.

3. Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and  
hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

### Refrain

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you  
rest.

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## Closing Prayer

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our  
being: We humbly pray that you will guide us through your Holy Spirit,  
that in all the cares and occupations of our  
lives we may not forget you, but may remember that we are  
ever walking in your loving sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

– adapted BCP

## Blessing

## Postlude

### *Our love in action now begins*

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9am Scripture Reader and Prayers of the People –  
Marie Kelly  
10:30am Reader – Julie Ressler

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