Sunday April 14 2024



**Sermon Series:** Foundations of the Christian Faith from the Heidelberg Catechism

Sign Your Name Across my Heart

"Here I am, Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours." -Stevie Wonder

"At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet." -Plato

"Faith certainly tells us what the senses do not, but not the contrary of what they see; it is above, not against them."
-Blaise Pascal

### order of worship

### prelude

Leader: He is risen

People: He is Risen indeed!

call to worship: from Psalm 108

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre! we will awake the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

We will sing praises to you among the nations.

I: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

### songs of praise

#### Christ Is Risen; He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death Sing sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes Alive He stands their Friend and King Christ Christ He is risen

Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah Join the chorus sing with the redeemed Christ is risen He is risen indeed (He is risen)

Where doubt and darkness once had been They saw Him and their hearts believed But blessed are those who have not seen Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness

He's alive He's alive Heaven's gates are opened wide He's alive He's alive Now in heaven glorified

#### **Your Love O Lord**

Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings

### welcome & update

prayer for the world, the church & the city

### Lord's Prayer

#### confession

Lord God, We are sluggish in faith, thick of head, and we need your Holy Spirit's power to help us see Jesus in all the Scriptures and in the means of grace you provide for us. Forgive us and kindle in us burning hearts of rich faith that opens our eyes and recognizes you as Lord. Amen

## private confession

### assurance of pardon: 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

# song of assurance

#### **Come Holy Ghost**

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest And in our hearts take up Thy rest Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill our hearts which Thou hast made To fill our hearts which Thou hast made

O Comforter, to Thee we cry
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high
Thou fount of life, and fire of love
And sweet anointing from above
And sweet anointing from above

Be not afraid where you go there I am with you Be not afraid where you go there I am with you

O Holy Ghost, through Thee alone Know we the Father and the Son Be this our firm unchanging creed That Thou dost from them both proceed That Thou dost from them both proceed Praise we the Lord, Father and Son And Holy Spirit with them one And may the Son on us bestow All gifts that from the Spirit flow All gifts that from the Spirit flow

## tithes and offerings: Care Team

### doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading: Ephesians 2:8-9, Deuteronomy 30:6

Galatians 3:25-27 & Matthew 28: 18-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today: Abel Sisco

Sermon: Sign Your Name Across my Heart

#### sermon outline:

I. Faith—obtained by Grace—is fuel

II. Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours

III. Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

## the Lord's Supper | congregation stands

## the Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name;

evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

#### words of institution and declaration of faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

distribution of the Bread and the Cup

## song of thanksgiving

#### Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me For me

#### benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

## Tithes up to March 30 2023

Yearly Budget \$tba

Budget Year to Date \$tba

Actual Giving Year to Date \$59,002

Actual Giving Last Week \$4,574

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