

# April 16, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Elaine Grayson  
"Hymn to Joy" David Hegarty

Introit Chancel Choir

Greeting/Life of the Church

\*\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 16)*

Liturgist: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

**All: Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."**

Liturgist: Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshipping the idols all around us.

**All: God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.**

Liturgist: We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

**All: We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways.**

Liturgist: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

**All: Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.**

Liturgist: God shows us the path of life,

**All: And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.**

Liturgist: And so, we say to God,

**All: "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Easter People Raise Your Voices" UMH #304

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Life-giving God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of your Son. We are grateful for the new life he brings. We are grateful for the hope and joy he shares. We are grateful for leading the way, as he goes before us. Strengthen our faith, that it may sustain us during difficult days and enable us to share your love with others. Open our hearts to new life and new possibilities. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "My Tribute" UMH #99

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory Elaine Grayson  
"Morning Hymn" Gordon Young

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for your promise of new life. We thank you for these gifts. As we offer them into your hands, may they bring hope and new life to those in need. In the name of the resurrected Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
"All Creatures of Our God and King" Melody Bober.

Sermon "Joy in Hope" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" UMH #163

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude Elaine Grayson  
"Suite Gothique Introduction" Leon Boëllmann



*The Altar Flowers are given by Eric and Kylie Fleming  
in honor of their 15<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

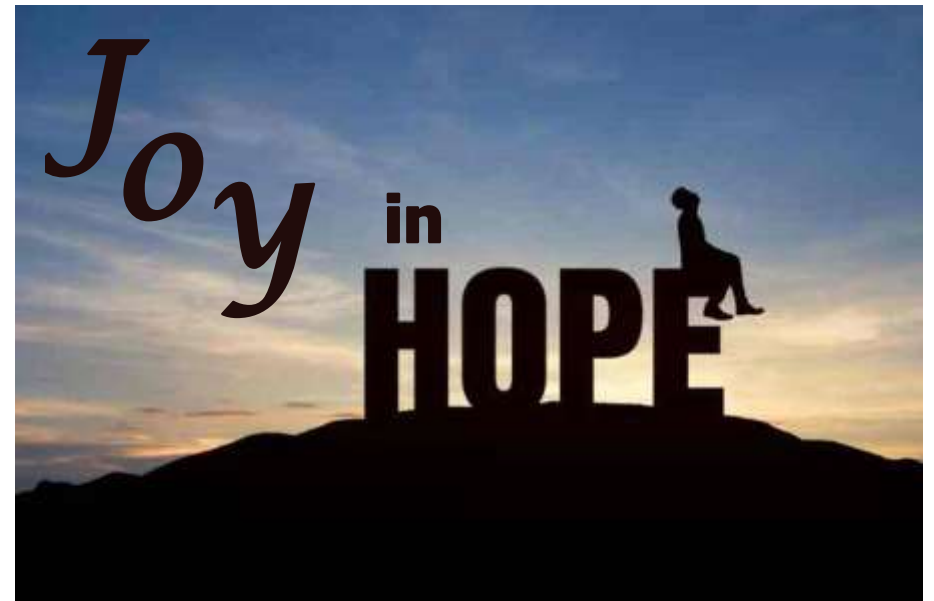
## Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSVUE)

### A Living Hope

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



### Rev. Jeff Bandy

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### April 16, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Will Mossing, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Dr. Paul Dillaplain and Elaine Hughes
Liturgist	Pastor Vic Toney
Guest Organist	Elaine Grayson
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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Gospel Lesson

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