

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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. 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

\*CLOSING HYMN                    *"Blessed Assurance"*  
#369 (vv. 1,3)

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN    *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

## POSTLUDE

### Birthdays

Juliann Kjenaas    17  
Jackie Swanson    18

### CALENDAR

Tues. April 16th Quilters 9:30-3:00  
Wed. April 17th Choir 7:00pm  
Thurs. April 18th Worship Team 4:00pm

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# Hubbard United Methodist Church

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faith grows, and mission leads.*

April 14, 2024

9:00am



# Worship Guide

*Resurrection Stories*  
Pastor: Lauren Hauger  
Piano: Bekah Sundsrud

*\*please stand as you are able*

## PRELUDE

\*HYMN “Surely the Presence of the Lord”  
#328

## WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - based on John 20:19-23:

L: They trembled in fear behind locked doors as the sun set on that first Easter...

**All: We often do not perceive the most transformative possibilities of our lives because we are afraid — of change, of loss, afraid even of healing.**

L: Jesus greeted them with the words: “Peace be with you.” We sometimes find it difficult to embrace peace when our lives are in upheaval, when our hearts grieve, when our world aches. Knowing what they needed, Jesus extended his pierced palms and his stabbed side...

**All: What evidence do we require to believe our lives can experience resurrection from a power higher than our own? What helps us trust and believe?**

L: They rejoiced as they recognized their friend, their leader, their Solace, and Redeemer...

**All: When we search for help and hope, do we rejoice when we see the first possibility of transformation? Do we rejoice along the way to healing?**

L: Again, Jesus offered his peace and said, as he was sent by God, he now sends them...

**All: Even in the midst of our own turmoil, can we find the courage to go where we are sent for healing for ourselves and to go where others are in need of our witness?**

L: Jesus breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

**All: The gift of Holy Spirit power is always with us and within us to lead and guide and sometimes cajole and awaken us to all the possibilities for renewed life.**

L: Jesus assured them: Forgive the sins of anyone, and they are forgiven, retain the sins of any and they are retained.

**All: We see in the example of Christ how to forgive others and how to release our own woundedness. We open ourselves to the freedom, release, and peace that comes through forgiveness. We forgive ourselves and we forgive others.**

L: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

**All: Thanks be to the Living Word.**

\*OPENING HYMN “We Walk by Faith”  
#2196 (vv. 1-5)

\*OPENING PRAYER

**ALL: Loving Christ, open the eyes of our faith that we may behold the work of your redemption. Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord: your resurrection glory, your light everlasting. May this time of worship, reflection and celebration be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 121 (NRSVUE)*  
Reader: Shari Perrine

MESSAGE “Released”  
Pastor Lauren

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes”  
(Insert) NCH #466 (vv. 1,3,4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Reader: Shari Perrine