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# Unbroken

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## ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE

**Prelude:** *Awesome in This Place*  
Les Holben, piano; David Moldenhauer, organ

### Welcome

Call to Action: When we can claim faith for our own, we can find joy in our discipleship.

### Call to Worship

*People of God, we come to worship our faithful God who makes covenant with us:  
The God who gives us life, who gathers us as children and knows our names,  
And who calls us to listen for our "still-speaking God" in all of the diverse voices of  
this world.*

*So rise, Cathedral of Hope, in body and spirit! Give praise to our Risen Lord.*

**\*\*Processional Hymn:** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!

Creation's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia!

LOVING GOD BY LOVING PE

## First Lesson

Acts 8:26-31, 35-39

*Our First Lesson is from the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.*

*Hear these words:*

An angel of God spoke to Philip and said, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So Philip got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

*May God bless the hearing of these ancient words. Amen.*

## **\*\*Gospel Alleluia**

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Choir:

The Word of God is alive. The Word of God is still speaking.  
Come and open your hearts and minds to the voice of God!

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

**\*\*Gospel Lesson**

John 15:1-5, 7-8

*God be with you.*

And also with you.

*A reading from the Gospel according to John.*

Glory to you, O God.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Abba God is the vinegrower who removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit is pruned to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*This is the Gospel of Hope.*

Praise to you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**\*\*Gospel Response**

All:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Sermon**

*Unbroken: Rejoicing*

**Special Music**

*You Abide in Me*

Choir and Orchestra

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Week Ending	Amount Received	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
04/04/21	\$69,360	\$63,000	\$6,360
04/11/21	\$25,529	\$28,000	(\$2,471)
04/18/21	\$39,929	\$41,000	(\$1,071)
<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>\$560,369</b>	<b>\$542,000</b>	<b>\$18,369</b>

## Communion

## Intro/Consecration/Invitation

*In Remembrance of Me*

Choir and Orchestra

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let the strangers in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,  
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,  
look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*\*Recessional

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross hangs empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die!

Christ is alive and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
'til earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.  
Christ is alive!

### \*\*Offering Call and Benediction

### Postlude for Dismissal

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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