

Mendocino Presbyterian Church

Our Vision Statement

We are God's Love by:

- Feeding those in need • Singing with the joyful
 - Comforting the sick and the suffering
- Listening to those who want a voice • Walking in companionship with Jesus



Sunday April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Easter
Earth Day

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Nearer, My God, to Thee* Matt Leach

RINGING OF THE BELL

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

INTROIT *Morning Has Broken* MPC Choir

CENTERING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP Tamara Fites

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,
for we are the church of Jesus Christ!
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,
opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

*OPENING HYMN 295 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 734 *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* HYMN 679 *Baptized in Water*

*Please stand if you are able.

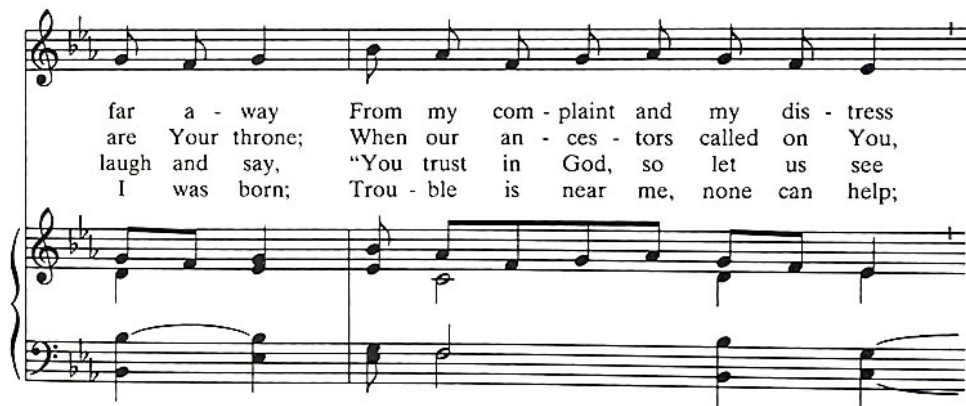
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 22

Lord, Why Have you Forsaken Me


1. Lord, why have You for - sak - en me, And why are You so
 2. Yet You are ho - ly, and the songs Of praise of Is - rael
 3. But I am mocked and put to scorn, All those who see me
 4. Yet You, O Lord, have been my God And on - ly hope since



far a - way From my com - plaint and my dis - tress
 are Your throne; When our an - ces - tors called on You,
 laugh and say, "You trust in God, so let us see
 I was born; Trou - ble is near me, none can help;



Poured out be - fore You night and day?
 You saved them, res - cued all Your own.
 The help of God to whom you pray."
 My Sav - ior, leave me not for - lorn.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8:26-40 Tamara Fites
ANTHEM *Be in Our Gathering* MPC Choir
MEDITATION "Slavery" Rev. Matthew Davis
*HYMN 482 *Sanctuary*

OFFERING
 Invitation to Give of Time and Talent
 Offering & Dedication of Gifts
 Offertory
 Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

ACTS OF COMMITMENT
*HYMN 716 *God Be With You*
*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen*

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