



**PRELUDE**

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Fred Bock

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

I Know that my Redeemer Liveth

Thomas Morley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Like Miriam, we sing with gladness, for our God triumphs over evil and oppression.**

Like Hannah, we pray with grateful hearts, for God hears our prayers.

**Like Jacob, we wrestle with God, for out of such struggles new faith is born.**

Like Abraham, we respond to God's calling, for in faith's journey we find our lives.

**This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN 341**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love, we forget the beginning of the story—**

**that we were made from love, to be love, to give love.**

**We forget that first there was you, and you are love.**

**We forget that out of that love you created us.**

**We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.**

**We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us.**

**Forgive our low self-esteem. Forgive our resistance to love ourselves. Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good. And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—from generation to generation.**

**Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in the story of your unrelenting love.**

## ANTHEM

*Lord, I Know I Been Changed*

trad. spiritual, arr. Bruce More

## PASSING THE PEACE

## RESPONSE

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

***Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluia!***

## SCRIPTURE

Selections from Psalm 105

## SERMON

*Finding our Story in God's Story*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Easter Affirmation

by Kennon Callahan

**We believe that...Hope is stronger than memory.**

**Salvation is stronger than sin. Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness.**

**Reconciliation is stronger than hatred. Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion.**

**Light is stronger than darkness. The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.**

**The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus. Easter is stronger than Good Friday.**

**We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.**

**We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

## \*HYMN 304

*Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,

Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me." [Refrain]

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Jan Sanborn

## Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist,

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements