

**FALCON HEIGHTS CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Welcomes you to Worship & Communion**

*As seekers and servants growing in God's transforming love, we will speak the truth in love, celebrate each other's gifts and perspectives, and choose the good of the whole church over our individual preferences and comforts.*

10:30 a.m.

**We Are Witnesses**

April 18, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*  
*Karen Johnson, organ*

WELCOME AND OPENING VERSE

LET US SING!

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

PRAYING TOGETHER *(All)*

**God of many names, we gather today having bore witness to more pain against another of your beloved children. As we gather together, we feel countless things: rage, fear, frustration, weariness, hopelessness, guilt, and heavy, heavy sorrow. In all of the emotions and the thoughts that were inside us, help us to be present within them and stir us from our complacency and guide us to action so that your abundant love and grace might touch everyone we encounter. In your name, we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48

Mark Miazga

MESSAGE

*Witnesses, not Bystanders*

Rev. Rick King

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND JESUS' PRAYER *(All)*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth! With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us; for you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen. (New Zealand Version, translated from the Maori)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS AND GRATITUDE

<https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/falconheightschurch>

OFFERTORY

*O Day of Resurrection*  
*Karen Johnson, piano*

PRAYER *(All)*

**God of abundant love, we offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and resources as signs of our love for you and the world. Receive our thanks and bless our collective offering to be an expression of healing that brings hope to a hurting world; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*Sing a New Song*