WELCOME! **We are grateful that you joined us today**. Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments hosted by our Kindness Hospitality Group. **If you have children with you**, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY: Goodness Hospitality Group. Contact Karen Rominger 828-9673-3115.

Arbor Dale is hosting a **WEDDING SHOWER** for Isaac Parsons and Mica Patterson at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 26. They are registered on theknot.com, Amazon, and Anthropology. Their wedding day is May 23, 2026. Please join us to shower them with love.

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED for the Humane Society. If you have any, there is a box at the front of the church.

BIBLE STUDIES: Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at arbordalechurch @gmail. com to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study and you can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email.

OFFERINGS: The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs, and a link on the website to donate on-line.

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"WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"

by Wendell Berry

Early in the year by my friend's gift
I saw at Sansepolcro Piero's vision:
The soldiers who guard the dead from the living
themselves become as dead men, one
tumbling dazedly backward. Awake, his wounds
bleeding still, his foot upon the tomb, Christ
who bore our life to its most wretched end,
having thrust off like a blanket the heavy lid,
stands. But for his face and countenance
I have found no words: powerful beyond life
and death, seeing beyond sight or light,
beyond all triumph serene. All this Piero saw.
And we who were sleeping, seeking the dead
among the dead, dare to be awake. We who see
see, see we are forever seen, by sight have been
forever changed. The morning at last
has come. The trees, once bare, are green.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

By St. Anselm

"Lord, teach us to seek you,
and show yourself to us as we seek;
for we cannot seek you, unless you teach us,
nor find you, unless you show yourself.
May we seek you, in longing for you,
and long for you, in seeking you; may we find you,
in loving you, and love you, in finding. Amen."

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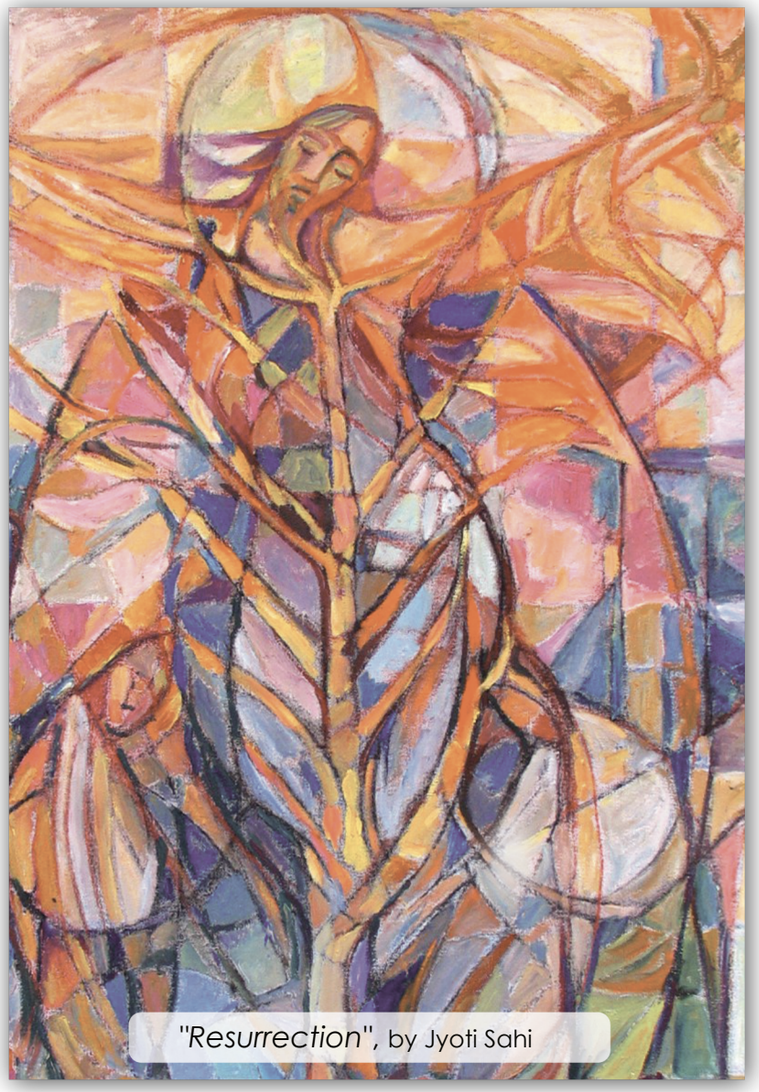

"Resurrection", by Jyoti Sahi

** Congregation Stands*

GREETING

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

PRELUDE *Psalm 27*
(See insert to follow along)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 15*

* **HYMN of PRAISE** *#375 Jesus Shall Reign*

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ~ 1 John 1:5-7, NIV

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* **Assurance of Pardon:**

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
~1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NRSV

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **CONFESSION OF FAITH** *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord in your Mercy

People: Hear our prayer

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *#575 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON *Psalm 27*
"One Thing I Ask" —Rick Breusch

* **COMMUNION HYMN** *Nothing to Fear*
(See insert)

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **HYMN OF SENDING** *Let The Nations Be Glad*
(See insert)

* **BENEDICTION**

"Christus Victor" written by Bryan Fowler | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty |