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# I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

## Welcome

## Opening Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **We come, ready to renew our covenant with God and with each other.**

**Leader:** Our belief in Jesus Christ should bear fruit in this world. What is that fruit?

**People:** **Because of our faith in Jesus Christ, and in response to all that he has done for us, we stand up for what is right and reject what is wrong. We act in love. We put our faith into action.**

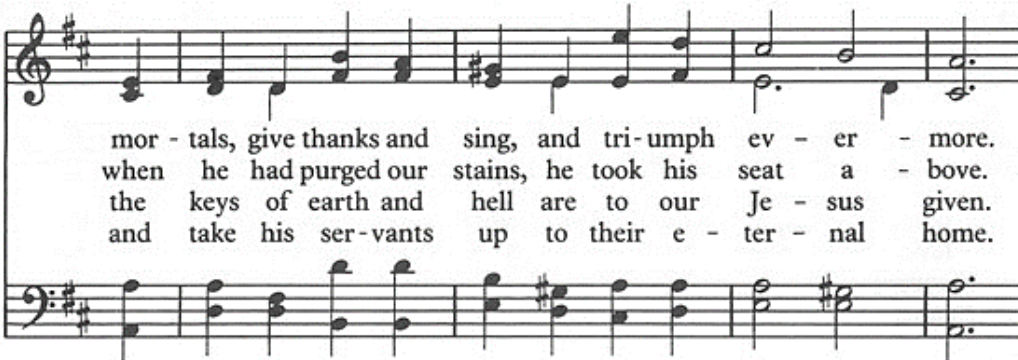
## Hymn

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

(verses 1, 3, and 4)



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come,



mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
 We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice;



re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.  
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.  
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.  
 the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

## Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, bless Lucy, Abby, Colin, Nathan and Emersyn. Four have already professed their faith in you, and today Lucy makes that important profession. May we all make ours too. May we all follow the example of Christ, and live as he taught us. It's not always easy, but it is always right. Amen!**

## Confirmation

*Lucy Swee Baerman*

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

## Chorus

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.  
With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

## Senior Choir

Thank You for the Valleys

Cindy Berry

## Scripture Lesson

John 14:1-7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Message

*I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life*

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

### Offertory Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Roy Ringwald

### Doxology

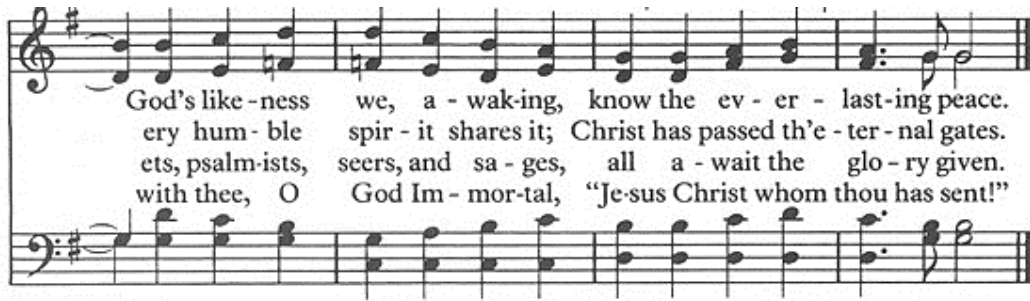
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

(verses 1, 2, and 3)

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur -  
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has  
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heaven re - joic - es: Je - sus lives, who  
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders crowd on faith; what  
 rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,  
 once was dead. Join we now the death - less voic - es;  
 joy un - known, when, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,  
 to the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
 nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
 child of God, lift up your head! Pa - triarchs from the  
 saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter  
 clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; in  
 Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits. Ev -  
 dis - tant a - ges, saints all long - ing for their heaven, proph -  
 that bright por - tal, see that glow - ing fir - ma - ment; know,



God's like-ness we, a-wak-ing, know the ev-er-last-ing peace.  
ery hum-ble spir-it shares it; Christ has passed th'e-ter-nal gates.  
ets, psalm-ists, seers, and sa-ges, all a-wait the glo-ry given.  
with thee, O God Im-mor-tal, "Je-sus Christ whom thou has sent!"

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Thine Is the Glory

G. F. Handel