11 April 2021

**Call to Worship**

God of our life’s journey, we gather as your family in the faith.

**Loving God, as we journey, may we always keep our eyes only on you.**

God of our every experience, we gather to share and support each other.

**Encouraging God, guide and bless us as we seek to build our community in faith and love.**

God our Creator, we gather together to strengthen bonds of commitment and fellowship, to be upheld and encouraged.

**God of our faith journey, we gather seeking restoration and renewal as your united and loving family in this time.**

**Hymn RS 260 Christ is Alive**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound

to distant years in Palestine,

But saving, healing, here and now,

and touching every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,

untouched, unmoved by human pains

but daily, in the midst of life,

our Saviour, in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift and war,

where color, scorn or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,

and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

Good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring

With joy, with justice, love and praise.

 B. Wren

**Prayers**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Readings Ceri and Phil George**

Acts 4.23-37

John 20.19-31

**Reflection**

**Music for Reflection Psalm 133**

**Prayers of Intercession Ceri and Phil George**

**Hymn. Let us Build a House**

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell how

hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,

and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and a symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome...

Let us build a house where love is found

in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground

where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome...

 Let us build a house where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome...

Let us build a house where all are named,

their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome...

 M. Haugen

**Benediction**

**The Grace**