



**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**GATHERING WORDS**

Leader: How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**People: We are called to be Easter people!**

Leader: Darkness cannot claim us!

**People: Fear cannot bind us!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! AMEN!**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

**"Thy Word"**

Chorus Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Vs 1 When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. (Chorus)

Vs 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my Guide and hold me to Your side;  
I will love You to the end. (Chorus)

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were mentored by our hearts, if we walked the talk, we would be God's children. But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears which tell others who we truly are. Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying...,

## **\*PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (in unison)**

**God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in You, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.**

**God of full hearts: Your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.**

## **\*SILENT PRAYER**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

**People:** **We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER SONG**

### **"Trust and Obey"**

**vss. 1, 2, 5**

**Vs. 1** When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

**Chorus** **Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Vs. 2** Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear  
Can abide while we trust and obey. (chorus)

**Vs. 5** Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey. (chorus)

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.)

**SCRIPTURE**

Kathi Weaver, Liturgist

**Luke 24:36-48**

**MESSAGE**

**“Fear and Grief”**

**SONG**

**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

**#379**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE**

**“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”**

**#426 vs. 5**

O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

**What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, - but knowing You through Jesus, and trusting in You by the power of the Holy Spirit, - we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for these blessings. And so we offer these gifts with gratitude to You, in Jesus' name. Amen**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

**“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”  
(sing through 3 times)**

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

**\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INQUIRER'S CLASS** – We invite all who would like to explore how Wayne Church could support you in your faith journey to attend our **Inquirer's Class TODAY, 11:45–2:00 p.m.** in the Church Conference Room. A light lunch will be provided.

**LUNCH BUNCH** travels to **Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen, Mt. Hope, on Tuesday, April 17.** Carpool leaves Hawkins parking lot at 11:30, or meet at the restaurant at 12:15. Please RSVP to Peg Shipe at 330-345-8360.

**GAME NIGHT IN THE GALLERY** – **Saturday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.** Bring a snack if you wish and come, join the fun!

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – A special congregational meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on **Sunday, April 22.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Nominating Committee report.

**SESSION MEETING** – **Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.**

**SING, MEN, SING!** – A new practice session for the Men's Chorus begins **Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary and continues every Wednesday through May 16. We will be singing in the worship service on May 20. Questions? Contact Jack Meinke 330-345-8328 or jacmarm@aol.com. Come along, men, and SING!

**CONDOLENCES** - It is with a sad and heavy heart that we relay the news of our friend and founder of ECCO (Eolia Christian Community Outreach) Brenda Gross passed away on Monday, April 9th. Anyone wishing to can send cards and condolences to the family at:

ECCO  
135 Emily Lane  
Eolia, KY 40826

Thanks, Mike and Holly Bowman

*(An obituary can be found at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/brenda-gross-obituary?pid=188698728>)*

**WANT TO BE A GREETER?** Do you have interest in being a greeter for the Church on Sunday mornings? If so, please sign up on the kiosk in the Gallery and our organizer Jeff Harmon will contact you to schedule a month.