***Prayers of God’s Creation and People***

**THANKSGIVING**

***Offering*** *Psalm 24:1*

 ***Offertory Music:*** “Because Her Lives ” arr. Fred Bock

***\*Doxology:*** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (verse 1) 106

***Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer***

***\*Hymn:*** “Hear the Good News of Salvation” 355

**SENDING**

***\*Charge*** *From 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*

***\*Benediction*** *2 Corinthians 13:13*

***\*Dismissal***

***\*Postlude:***

**Christ-the-King Fellowship**

**Spencer, NY**

**The Order of Worship for the Lord’s Day**

**The Second Sunday of the Resurrection**

**April 16, 2023**

**GATHERING**

***Welcome***

***Prelude*** *‘Christ Arose” arr. John Innes*

***Call to Worship*** *Mark 1:15; Psalm 119:126*

***Invocation***

***\*Hymn:*** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” 423

***Prayer of Confession*** (responsive)

O Christ our God:

You defeat death by death!

**We clam up and say nothing.**

You deliver us from death to life!

**We scoff in disbelief.**

You reveal the truth of your love for us!

**We want proof.**

You give us wings!

**We crawl around in the dirt.**

You make us whole!

**We prefer the sour security**

**of our fear, shame, and anger.**

You make all things new!

**We want things to be the way they used to be.**

You make us one in you!

**We would rather have competitors and enemies.**

You set us free from sin and death!

**But we like it here in this familiar tomb.**

You roll away the stone crushing our hearts!

**Open our eyes to your saving presence.**

You call us out of the darkness, into your light!

**May we respond with joy and delight,**

**risking all to dance in the glory of your love!**

***Prayer of Assurance***

***\*Gloria:*** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!” (verse 4) 123

***\*The Peace***

Christ is in the midst of us.

**He is and ever shall be.**

May the grace and peace of Christ our God be with all of you.

**And also with you.**

*The people exchange words and signs of God’s peace.*

***\*Response:*** “Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia” (refrain only)

**Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!**

**Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!**

**Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!**

**Halleluia!**

**Halleluia!**

**THE WORD**

***Prayer for Understanding***

***Gospel,*** John 20:19-31

***Psalm 16,*** "When in the Night I Meditate" 165

***Hebrew Scriptures,*** Song of Songs 1:1-4

***Sermon,*** "In the Name of Love"

***\*Affirmation of Faith,***

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all.

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people**

**and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.**

He expressed the love of God in word and deed

and became a brother to all kinds of sinners.

**But his complete obedience led him into conflict with people.**

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

**Many rejected him and demanded his death.**

In giving himself freely for them

he took upon himself the judgment under which all stand convicted.

**God raised him from the dead,**

**vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.**

The victim of sin became victor, **and won the victory over sin and death for all.** *Confession of 1967 (alt.)*