

## Sunday, April 19, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Easter

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** OBEDIENCE. How do we reflect the holy living Christ demands of us? Are there things we could be doing to help one another grow in obedience to the truth? Practices that could help us become strong in expressing genuine mutual love?

**PRELUDE** — Brendan Krueger

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** TFWS #2002 “I Will Call Upon the Lord” (2 x)

I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)

Who is worthy to be praised (who is worthy to be praised)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (so shall I be saved from my enemies)

I will call upon the Lord

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116** — Bonnie Clark

One: I love the Lord who has heard my voice and my prayers.

**Many: I will call upon the Lord as long as I live.**

One: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**Many: How can I repay the Lord for all the good things I have received?**

One: I thank God for my salvation and will keep all my promises to the Lord, in the presence of all the people.

**Many: Let us offer God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord!**

**ALL: Hallelujah! Amen!!**

**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — Lovelight?

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S STORY** — Sharon Goldade**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Peter 1:17-23 — Bonnie Clark

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**MESSAGE**

“Truth and Love”

Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

UMH #369

“Blessed Assurance”

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**REFRAIN:** This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;  
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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, vision of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **REFRAIN**

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my savior am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **REFRAIN**

**OFFERTORY** — Brendan Krueger**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

