

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*April 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter*

## AS WE GATHER

We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all. Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (LSB – 469)

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!” Raise your joys and triumphs high;	Saints on earth and angels say; `Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.
Love’s redeeming work is done, Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;	Fought the fight, the battle won; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Death in vain forbids His rise;	Christ hath burst the gates of hell. Christ has opened paradise.
Lives again our glorious King! Once He died our souls to save;	Where, O death, is now thy sting? Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;

Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:

Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

## INVOCATION

*(please stand)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?"

**People: "O death, where is your sting?"**

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**People: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are afraid of losing hope. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## INTROIT

**People:** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia!

*Women:* Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

**Men:** make known among the nations what he has done.

*Women:* Sing to him, sing praise to him;

**Men:** tell of all his wonderful acts.

*Women:* Glory in his holy name;

**Men:** let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*Women:* Look to the Lord and his strength;

**Men:** seek his face always.

*Women:* Remember the wonders he has done,

**Men:** his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

*Women:* He remembers his covenant forever,

**Men:** for the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**People:** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia!

✠ WORD ✠

## KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy,  
**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-42

*(Peter preaches over the objections of the Jewish authorities.)*

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead - whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. 34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. 35 Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. 36 Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. 37 After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. 38 Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." 40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9** (*Born again to a living hope.*)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31** (*Jesus appears to the disciples.*)

*(please stand)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus

came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

### HYMN: “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (LSB 470)

O sons and daughters of the King,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!

Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

The faithful women went their way  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”

Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
And said, “My peace be with you here.”

Among them came their master dear  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard  
He doubted the disciples’ word.

That they had seen the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
`Not faithless but believing be.”

And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;  
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.

He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen  
For they eternal life shall win.

And yet whose faith has constant been,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise.

Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**MESSAGE: “Jesus Is Alive and With Us”**

**John 20:19-31**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(please stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your  
mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen**

## OFFERING

*(please be seated)*

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

## OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

*(please stand)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen**



Yet is God here?  
In mouth and soul  
Christ, truly present in this meal.

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
He makes us whole -  
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

Is this for me?  
I do believe  
His very body and His blood.

I am forgiven and set free!  
That I receive  
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

**HYMN: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB 575)**

My hope is built on nothing less  
No merit of my own I claim

Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. **Refrain**

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.***

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale

I rest on His unchanging grace;  
My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, His covenant and blood  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,

Support me in the raging flood;  
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,

Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*(please stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## HYMN: "Because He Lives" (HFFG 292)

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives! Refrain

***Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!***

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he brings;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! ***Refrain***

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! ***Refrain***

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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## **MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .**

### **Prayers for healing** –

*Les Turner - awaiting surgery May 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Judy Beauford - Ed Funk - Artie Dolt - Mel Paulson - Ed Mycock - Robert Saur*

### **For Family and Friends** –

*Giardinelli's oldest son **David** - prayers for healing*

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving** –

***Will and Ginnie Jones** announce the birth of their grandson, **Jude Allen Jones** born Friday, March 31st to new parents John and Isabelle Jones.*

***Elsie Bischoff** – Carol Mycock's mother released from hospital*

***Roger** – Laura Sanders Brother-in-law successful heart ablation*


***Naomi**, Sanders' daughter, to pass her music certification exam*

### **For Messiah Learning Teams**

*Prayers for all on our hearts with physical, emotional, or other needs – your will be done.*

*Prayers for all who are lost to hear and receive Jesus' Gospel message.*

*We pray in Jesus's Holy Name, Amen.*



I have called upon You,  
for You will hear me, O God;  
Incline Your ear to me,  
and hear my prayer.  
Psalm 17:6, NKJV

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**WELCOME** . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here!

Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

### **APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS**

Apr 2 – Apr 9 –

Apr 16 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – honoring Katie's Birthday

Apr 16 – Vonda Petmecky – in memory of the wedding anniversary to Fred

Apr 23 – Kim & Maurine Maloy – celebrating 50 years of marriage

Apr 23 – Sue Parker – honoring Dennis' birthday

Apr 30 – Joyce & Janice Meier – in memory of their parents Floyd & Alma Meier

**We Believe, Teach and Confess** - *Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.*

**Sunday Lunch and Bible Study** - *Please join Mark Giardinelli and Dennis Parker noon to 1:00 pm for Lesson Three on Progressive Christianity with Alissa Childers - How Should we respond? All are welcome to join us and go to lunch afterward.*

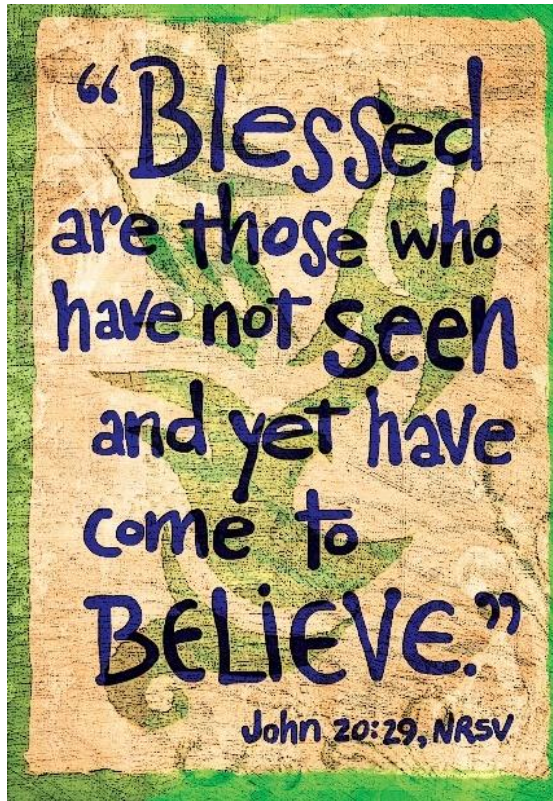
**Contributions to the Church Refurbishment** *Several people have asked how they might contribute to the Church refurbishment. Another need will be updating the sound system that is not included in the refurbishment contract. The need is for replacing the overhead speakers and making sure we have the equipment for Audio and Visual presentations. Contributions can be earmarked as "Audio-Visual" and made to Messiah Lutheran church. If anyone has questions, they can contact me. David Wendeborn 830-331-0870 [David.Wendeborn@outlook.com](mailto:David.Wendeborn@outlook.com)*

**Women's Friday morning Bible Study** - *Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room of the Family Life Center. A new study titled Take Courage by Jennifer Rothschild. Contact Marilyn Mazurek, 210 380-1906, if you want her to order your book.*

**Adult Game Day is Saturday, April 15th at 2pm!** *Bring drinks and snacks and games and come join us in the family life center Bible study room! No RSVP required! Friends are welcome!*

**Ladies Field Trip!** *The ladies of Messiah are planning a field trip to Kerrville to visit "The Coming King" Sculpture Prayer Garden on Thur., April 20. We will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to Kerrville. After touring the sculpture garden, we'll enjoy lunch at Mamacita's. A sign-up sheet is available in the FLC. Please sign up so we can get an estimated head count for lunch reservations. Contact Sharon Loren (cell 210-913-6032) or email at [dresdenwood@hotmail.com](mailto:dresdenwood@hotmail.com)).*

**Little Gretel Restaurant** - *is closing its doors April 30th because the cook wants to retire! If any of the Ladies would like to join Lindy one last time for breakfast on Thursday April 27th 9am please let Lindy Eschenko know!!*



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## Serving us Today – April 16, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Joyce & Janis Meier
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Wendeborn Family
Reader:	Alana Kemmy
Ushers:	David Theis – Eric Sagebiel – Larry Rottman – Tom Bibb
Greeters:	Joyce & Janis Meier

## Serving us Next Sunday – April 23, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Kathy Rottman
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Roger Winkelmann
Greeters:	David & Sharon Sattler

## Our Response to God Last Week

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## March 2023 Contributions

<b>General Fund \$40,213.79</b>		<b>Building Fund \$22,916.64</b>
<b>Renovation Fund \$11,300.00</b>		<b>Family Life Center \$4,151.00</b>