

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Easter Joy* Lorenz

The Call to Worship

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,
he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,
bursting in with new life and new hope.
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

The Hymn of Praise *To God Be the Glory* 485
(verses 1 & 2)

The Call to Confession

The risen Christ has come into our midst inviting us to repentance and forgiveness. Our journeys have taken us far from God, but the hospitality of Christ welcomes us home. Let us confess our sin.

The Prayer of Confession

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children.
What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you.
Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other.
Now we approach the Lord with our individual intentions in the silence of our hearts (**Silence**).
Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way.

The Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:8
Hear the good news brothers and sisters, God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Christ rose for us and redeem us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us be at peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Response CCLI 1515225
He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Special Music *Because He Lives* CCLI 16880

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading 1 John 3:1-7

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-19, 36b-48

The Sermon "Hiding, Fearful and Hungry" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

The Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* 372

(verses 1, 2 &4)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

As We Go

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