

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

9:00 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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Variations on "Earth, Earth, Awake!" arr. Robert J. Powell

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship the eternal God,

the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ,

the risen one, who has saved us and who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit,

the holy fire, who renews us.

Come, let us offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Hymn of Praise "I Serve a Risen Savior" see insert

*The Call to Confession

Because we were held in bondage to sin, it was necessary for Christ, the Messiah, to suffer and to die on the cross. But on the third day, God raised him to life and gave him glory. Our faith and our hope are fixed on God who hears our prayers. Let us boldly come before his throne in repentance.

*The Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy. We confess that so often we take your lavish gift of grace for granted. Forgive us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Forgive us. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

[Silent Confession.] **Merciful God, forgive our sins. Help us to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

It is through the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw, that the penalty for our sins has been paid and that we are set free from the bondage of sin. In Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are set free.

Thanks be to God!

*The Response "Alleluia!" GTG hymnal 587
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Anthem "Alleluia, Rejoice, and Be Glad" arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35 page 121 NT

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 116:1-4;12-19 page 674 OT

The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23 page 316 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

*The Hymn "Amazing Grace" 280

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 Offertory Variations on "Earth, Earth, Awake!" arr. Robert J. Powell

*The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG hymnal 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn "Celebrate with Joy and Singing" 107

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" arr. Jonathan Ruess
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Claire Rousseau

Greeter: The Rousseau Family

Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Fellowship Hour:

The flowers today are in memory of Dick Rice who passed away on April 15, 2023. A committal service was held on April 19, 2023. We offer our prayers and condolences to his family.

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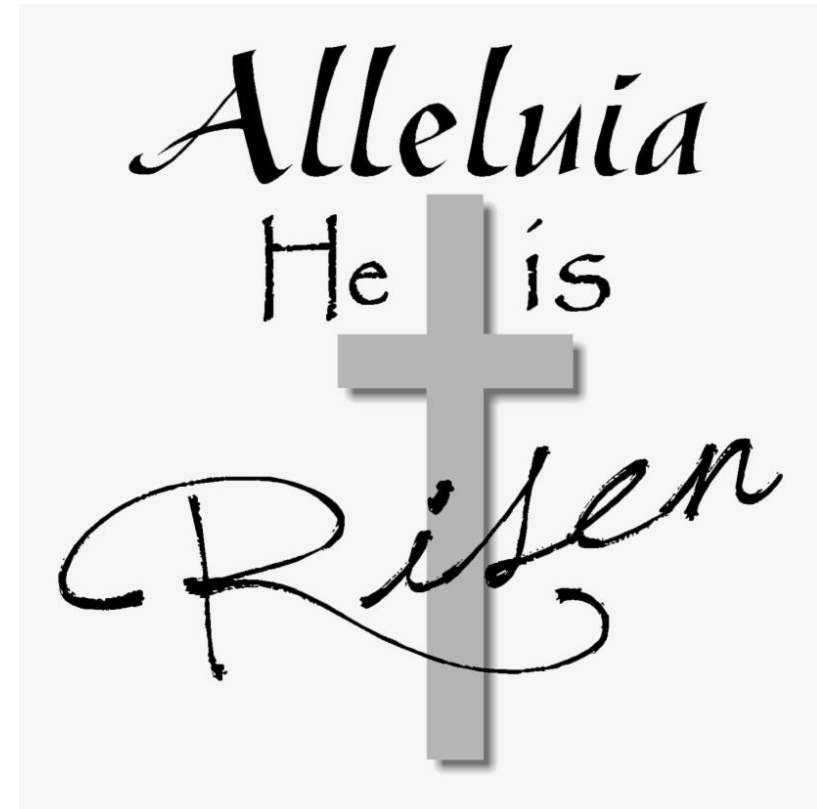
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I serve a risen Savior
Author: A. H. Ackley (1933)
Tune: ACKLEY

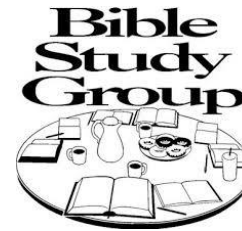
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1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him
he's always near.

Refrain: He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that he is leading
through all the stormy blast,
the day of his appearing
will come at last. [Refrain]

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find,
no other is so loving,
so good and kind. [Refrain]



are invited to join us in the library after the fellowship time following the worship service.

2nd@Second

Second at Second will resume **TODAY** and continue through Pentecost Sunday, May 28. This will be an informal time to connect with one another and journey together in our Christian faith. We will be discussing the Upper Room devotional from the previous Wednesday. Discussion questions can be found at the back of the Upper Room booklet. All who are interested

Sunday School

Sunday School will be following the new program from The Sunday School Store. The dates are as follows: **April 23; May 7 & 21(last day of Sunday School until September)** Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings. The members are Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Natalie Martinez @ 989-714-1011;



and Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420.

"The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregations for the donations to support the Old Town Baby Pantry. We were able to provide diapers, wipes, and clothing as well as many special handmade items to new parents in Saginaw"

The Prayer Chain

The Prayer chain list has been updated and reprinted with the current information. There is a copy on a clip board for you to mark that you have picked up your copy. Please note all the changes that have been made.