



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **APRIL 18, 2021**

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Thanks so much to Jenny Mecher and Megan Hanson for the new art installation in our chance!!
6. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
7. We are excited to welcome Judy Peterson to our community again!

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

SONG - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

The morning breaks, it's a new day dawning,
we join creation in the song of praise.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before us,
let us be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness we will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for our hearts to find.

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship God's holy name.

Sing your sorrow and joy,

O my soul,
worship your holy name.

And on that day when our strength is failing,
the end draws near and our time has come.
Still our songs will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(adapted from David Beswick)*

Lord Jesus,
preaching good tidings to the people,
proclaiming release to the captives,
setting free those who are bound:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus,
friend of the outcast and the poor,
feeder of the hungry,
healer of the sick:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus,
denouncing the oppressor,
exposing the hypocrite,
overcoming evil with good:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus,
pattern of gentleness,
teacher of holiness,
prophet of the kingdom:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus,
living to teach us justice and mercy,
dying to save us from our sin,
rising to give us eternal life:

We adore you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG - Now The Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again
that with the dead has been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain.
Jesus who for three days
in the grave had lain.
Raise from the dead
my risen Lord is seen.
Love is come again
like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

SONG - The Kingdom of God/El Reino de Dios

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come now and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

El reino de Dios es reino de paz,
justicia y alegría.
Ven, Dios, y abre en mí
las puertas del reino.

WORD

EPISTLE LESSON - Acts 3:1-19

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and

forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - Author of Life - Pastor Judy

SENDING

SONG - I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another.
The law of love I gladly will obey.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
your pow'r and glory, let them shine through me;
your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,
and may your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,
and may you feed a hungry world through me.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
then I'll be there to care and follow through.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION