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Service for the Lord's Day

April 18, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

INTROIT

"We Are an Offering"

Doris Akers

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Let us Worship God.

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

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+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. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+GLORIA PATRI **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

“Speak, O Lord”

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PSALM READING

Psalm 4

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

People: “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

Leader: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; when I cry out, the LORD will hear me.

People: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Leader: Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.

People: Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

All: I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

THE ACTS READING Acts 3:12-19
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

THE EPISTLE 1John 3:1-7
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION "With All My Heart" Babbie Mason

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36-48
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "The Promise of My Father " Rev. Clint Schofield

Responding to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Cor. 15:1-6, Mark 16:1-9;
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end: he is our Lord and God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.***

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

HYMN

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

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COMMISSIONING

Leader: Put your trust in God as you face another week.
Good affirms you and claims your faithfulness.

**People: We will open our eyes to the goodness of God.
We seek to follow faithfully where Christ leads.**

Leader: Turn away from vain words and seeking after lies.
Seek the purity of life we find in Christ Jesus.

**People: We pray for honest insight as we seek truth.
O that we might see the good in ourselves!**

Leader: We have been touched by mystery and wonder.
Let us live as God’s beloved children.

**All: What we will become has not yet been revealed.
We are confident in God’s will for us.**

BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

“A Blessing”

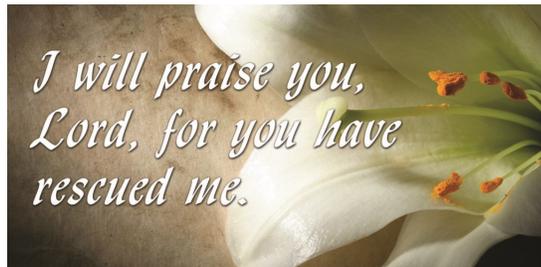
Carol Latimer

**Wherever you may go, may you feel God’s arms around you.
Wherever you may be may God’s peace surround you.
May the songs we’ve shared resound within your heart,
And wherever you may go, may love follow.**

POSTLUDE

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+Please stand, if you are able



*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*