

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

April 30, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all people to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Our Song Shall Rise to Thee* Nicaea arr. Sandra Eithun
Westminster Handbell Choir

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

First Peter 1:3-4

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

*Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* #664

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Our Merciful Father, when we remember your great love, and when we remember the command of Jesus that we should love each other, we are ashamed of the poverty of our own love. We confess that love has not ruled in our hearts, and has not been the guiding principle in our lives. We have not loved you, our God; we have not loved our neighbors; we have allowed our personal wants and desires to blind us to the needs of others. Forgive us, Father, as we admit our failure and our sin, our pride and our selfishness. Forgive us in love that we may walk in the way of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life* #421
verses 1 and 4 only

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
Pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

People: **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven; thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* #581
**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *With a Joyful Heart* Susan E. Geschke
Westminster Handbell Choir

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, let us understand the teachings of Jesus that we may meditate upon them. Help us to understand your word, so that we can find comfort in sorrow and the strength to do your work. May your word guide us in right living, and through it know for sure the wonder of your grace, for we pray in Jesus' name, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Psalter: *Psalm 91*

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Leader: Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

People: **Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: **Let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:7-14**

Anthem: *Psalm 150* César Franck

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *Now the Green Blade Rises* #247

Scripture: **Luke 24:1-8**

Sermon: **Trust Jesus?**

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: **First Corinthians 15:1-8; 20-26**

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Hymn: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* #250

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #240

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 30

12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
5:30 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, May 1

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, May 2

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, May 3

1:00 pm Dragonflies
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 7

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Children's Choir
12:00 noon Graduates Reception
1:30 pm Belize Packing Party
3:30-5:30 Adopt-a-Building at Oak Hill
5:30 pm Confirmation Class

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Perdue Barbara Bahs
Aaron Perdue Clarence Bahs
Shepherd: Nancy Niehaus
Liturgist: Clarice Miller
Reader: Fred Niehaus

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Third Sunday of Easter

Very early on the first day of the week, at dawn, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. ⁵The women were very afraid and bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to them, "Why are you looking for a living person in this place for the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen from the dead. Do you remember what he told you in Galilee? ⁷He said the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and rise from the dead on the third day." ⁸Then the women remembered what Jesus had said.

Luke 24:1-8