

Third Sunday of Easter

Online Worship Bulletin

April 26, 2020

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has heard your voice and the cries of your hearts.

Lord, bring us peace and healing.

Rejoice, and call upon the name of the Lord!

Praise be to you, O God, who has raised us our Savior Jesus Christ.

Bring your praises and your songs to the table of the Lord.

May our hearts and spirits rejoice in this day.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name.

Amen.

HYMN

***O splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, Light's living spring,
True day, all days illumining;***

***Come, Holy Son of heavenly love,
Shower down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey
The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.***

***O Lord, with each returning morn
Thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see
Our Savior and our God in Thee!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see

you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true.

***God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives.
Praise be to God. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35

SERMON *But We Had Hoped*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the gospel 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 our God.
Amen.***

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.***

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

HYMN *How Can I Keep From Singing*

*My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet †, tho' far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;*

*Thro' all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?*

*What tho' my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What tho' the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his—
How can I keep from singing?*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION