



April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *Reverie* R. Schumann arr. for organ: A. Guilmant

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Diane

PASSING OF PEACE, POURING OF WATER & RINGING OF THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Craig

L. Welcome in the name of the One who was no stranger to sorrow and who knew death so that we might more fully know life. Praise the Lord.

P. The Lord's name be praised.

OPENING HYMN *Christ is Alive! (verses 1, 2, 5)* 246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now, and conquer every place and time.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love and praise.

CALL TO PRAYER

God's amazing grace goes before us, after us, through us, often unbeknownst to us, and more often in spite of us. Because of this amazing grace we have confidence to come before God and acknowledge our sin. Let us confess our sin before God and one another

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Easter, in the risen Christ you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love You as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be an Easter people. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF THANKGIVING *Be Not Afraid* 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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ANTHEM *O' How I Love Jesus* Arr. J. Raney

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME (Live Worship Only)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:11-19

While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

SERMON

Times of Refreshing

Pastor Diane

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Allegro from Concerto No. 8

Handel

***DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding. See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us, Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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