

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

GATHERING. . .

MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.

The Prelude

Praise God, Ye Christians

D. Buxtehude, arr. E. Broughton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

The Call To Worship

How joyful it is to celebrate the Good News of God's love!

Amy Talmadge, liturgist

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

The Prayer of Adoration

Lord of Dawn and Darkness, how grateful we are for Your loving mercies. You see our fear and doubt, our suspicion, our mistrust and You banish them from our lives, replacing them with hope, peace, love and joy. You call us to be Your witnesses to all the world, emissaries of hope and justice, peace and compassion. You bind us together in Christian love, leading us to faith and fellowship. You strengthen and sustain us by Christ's risen life to lives of mission and service. Praise be to the Lord of life, our Savior Jesus Christ, Who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal: but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in You, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked. God of full hearts: Your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior ...(time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers us!

See what love the Father has given us.

**We are God's children, those whose lives have been changed
by the One who loves us and forgive us.**

Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

A Moment With the Children

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 3:12-19*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 3:1-7*

The Anthem

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest

Chris Fisher, Mary Ann Casey, Roy Jarnecke, Larry Casey

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the Throne, my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary. They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die."*

*My God is reconciled, His voice I hear, He owns His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise!*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:36b-48*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Cognitive Dissonance
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The *Apostles' 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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.**

The Prayers of the People

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-cloth es where thy body lay.*

REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. REFRAIN*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than
conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. REFRAIN*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Grand Triumphal Chorus

A. Guilmant, arr. T. Chesterton

***KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE. YOU WILL BE DISMISSED
BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.***

Announcements for April 14-21

Greeted with Smiles from Ear to Ear

The energy was palpable on Sunday morning as children and their families bounded into the Fellowship Hall, brimming with energy at the opportunity to meet face-to-face for the first time since March of last year. The children were buzzing with anticipation, our Church School teachers were smiling from ear to ear as they greeted each child by name, and parents stuck around to visit, chatting excitedly with one another... it was a long-awaited and long overdue sight to see. As a congregation, we have long since been committed to coming alongside families to provide a loving, nurturing atmosphere for children as they learn to know, love, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome families who are ready to return to in-person worship and Children's Church School. Children's Church School classes for preschool through 5th grade will continue to convene again at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday, utilizing both outdoor spaces and the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions about church school or would like to volunteer to help with a church school class, please be in touch with the Church Office.



Brittany

Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

Faith and Movie Class

Sunday, 10:30 am, led by Marty and Vicky Wilder; Kathy and Eric Rocholl

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223901848?pwd=S1MyYVpaK0xtVVZrcHOwSnZ0QUkzd09>

Discovering the Psalms

Sunday, 12:00 pm, led by Brittany Tamminga & Lindsey Williams

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89898477424?pwd=RVF5VDVqWVZyYXpVTGIySGNLSndFQT09>

Book Study: Learning to Speak God from Scratch

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274047075>

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (4/14) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (4/15) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (4/18) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
Children's Church School, 10am
Adult Church School Classes - Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
- Mon. (4/19) — C.E. Committee, 6pm (Patio/Lobby)
Mission Committee, 7pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (4/20) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (4/21) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 18:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Bill Holliseter, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Opal Ritchie, Pam Werner

New Member Class is beginning on Sunday, April 25.
Call the church office if you are interested in participating.

Birthdays this week April 18-25

18. Helen Lynn, Will Kinnamon, Mary Grace Raska
19. Drew Porter, Greg Allison, Paulla Loder, Kate Doherty, Caitlin Dominick
20. Jack Schneider
21. Elaine Hild, Merry Egge
22. Karen Johnson, Tina Christie, Mike Gibson
24. Dean Makovsky, Steve Wittle
25. Al Erkert, Kristi Allison, Wel Leimbach, Rebecca Jones



Rocky Railroad - Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration has begun, use the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Any questions please contact Robin Joel.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>