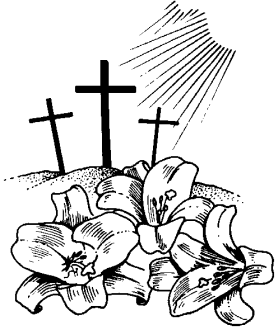


Third Sunday of Easter
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Theme: Breaking Dawn - How Shall We Live

Sunday, April 14, 2024



“With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:33

GATHERING

Prelude: “One Bread, One Body” Ron Schmoltze

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we live when lavished with love?

People: We are God’s redeemed, but it has not been fully revealed what we shall become in the future.

Leader: Yet, hints have been given in resurrection news. Just as in our origins on this planet, our future beyond is tied to God’s creative power of life.

People: Our eternity is with the Risen Christ who by the power of God his Father defied and overcame the power of death.

Leader: We are branches of the living vine, the true vine which is Christ.

People: In him we have our hope, for cut off from him we can do nothing.

Leader: Through the Creator and in Christ, we are partners in mutual flourishing and amazing life.

People: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

*Hymn: #234 “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*Prayer of the Day

God of Hope, we see your love poured out for us in all the world—in the radiance of a sunrise, in the emerging beauty of springtime, in the remembrance

of Jesus’ resurrection, a story we latch onto with amazement, ever wondering, perhaps questioning how it can be true. Perhaps also imagining how and in what way it can be true for us. So we come worshipping today—singing, praying, listening, proclaiming a mystery beyond ourselves. Lead us, we pray, in resilient hope. Make us more like you. Teach us to live together as one community both human and beyond-human, creatures and created ones alike to your glory, so that your love is known among all the living. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Now the Green Blade Riseth” Crum/Johnson

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon “Vine and Branches”

*Hymn: #523 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

The Sacrament of Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May our offerings today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Affirmation of Faith – Based on the Psalm of the Day – Psalm 4 (*said in unison*)

O God of our strength, You answer us when we call. You give us room when we are in distress. Be gracious to us and hear our prayers. You, the Living Lord, have set us apart as faithful for Yourself. When we become disturbed, do not let us sin. Help us rather to ponder upon our beds, and in moments of silence and reflection, who we are and what we must do. We offer right sacrifices, putting our trust in You. While many say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" Let it shine outward to others, for You have put gladness in our hearts. Therefore, we will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make us lie down in safety.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "I Know My Redeemer Lives" (*see insert*)

Postlude: "Fanfare and Postlude on "Easter Hymn" Douglas Wagner

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: **Milton Hostetter**

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my grandson,
Bradley M. Norris
Given by Mary Ellen Rice

Chancel choir rehearses at 11:00 a.m. today

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