

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 30, 2017
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Adagio" Edward Elgar

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: They were grieving a departed friend,
People: Mourning a loss.

Leader: Worrying about stone-cold tombs.

People: They were prepared for death,

Leader: But not for life.

People: They were ready for sadness,

Leader: But not for joy.

People: Yet Easter turned it around!

Leader: Turned the world upside down,

People: Set love on the throne,

Leader: Hope on the horizon,

People: Joy in each moment.

Leader: Easter still turns darkness around,

People: Makes our lives different,

Leader: Renews our hope,

People: Fills us with courage,

All: Gives us a song to sing.

*HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

(congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER CHORUS "Open Our Eyes" No. 2086 (sung twice)

UNISON PRAYER

O Risen Christ, we are grateful that you walk among us on earth, bringing life and hope. Help us to recognize you; open our hearts to the mystery and grace about us. May we see your love revealed through the most ordinary of things: salt, light, bread, flowers and common, even inconspicuous people. Help us to be aware of your presence in our time of

worship. Enable us to stand alongside you in your ministry of healing on the crowded roads of our world, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Taylor Davis

Anne Bara, clarinet and Steven Leonard, violin

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? While through the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their deathknell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 13-35

(NT p. 90)

Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Burning Hearts"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: Jesus was a twisty traveler. His path wound in and around the people of Galilee.

People: God remind us that the people in our path are looking for Jesus.

Leader: Jesus rarely traveled directly from point A to point B.

People: God remind us that in each day's interruptions and surprises, you make yourself known.

Leader: Jesus is the greatest, most unexpected interruption of all.

People: God remind us that Christ is leading us to reach out to others for him. Amen.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn

"Christ Has Risen"

No. 2115

*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

We bring our gifts to you in response to the good news. Christ is risen indeed and abides with us still. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform all of our being to conform with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation you bring. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN**

"Christ Calls Us Now, as Long Ago"

(see insert)

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

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"Benediction"

John Behnke

*POSTLUDE

"Allegro Appassionato"

Alexandre Guilmant

Martin Jones, organ

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.