



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me"

Arr: Douglas Smith/Mark Albrecht

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so to Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

* Call to Worship

Liturgist: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

All: And that is what we are!

Liturgist: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we know that when Christ appears we shall see him as he is.
I John 3:1-2 adapted

All: Come Lord Jesus; come among your children today.

All Singing: 206 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

God's Greeting

God's People Greeting One Another

Reconciliation

- Liturgist: The psalmist writes: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- Minister: Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears
when you call to him.
- Liturgist: Lord, hear us as we call:
- All: Lord, have mercy on us, your children.
We have sinned and fallen short of your will.
We have turned your glory into our shame.
We have loved delusion and sought false gods.**
- Liturgist: Lord, hear us as we call:
- All: Search our hearts; hear us even in this silence.**

Psalm 4:1-4 adapted

Silent Confession and Reflection

- Minister: Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.
But we know that Jesus Christ appeared so that he might take away our sins.
And in him is no sin. *I John 3:4-5 adapted*
- Liturgist: In Christ you are forgiven.
- All: Lord, let the light of your face shine on us.
Fill our hearts with joy.
For you alone make us dwell in safety.**
- Psalm 4:6-8 adapted*
- * **All Singing: 174 "I Stand Amazed"**
- Liturgist: I John 3:16-18

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

All Singing: 947 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Scripture: I John 3:1-7

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "And That Is What We Are!"

- * **All Singing: 683 "How Great is the Love of the Father"**
Duet singing verse 1, all singing verses 2 and 3

Dedication

Prayers of the People

- * **All Singing: 956 "To God Be the Glory"**

Benediction

Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Arr: Alice Jordan

Worship Leaders

Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco
Organist / Flutist: Lynn Hollender
Vocalist: Ginny Carpenter
Drums: Margot VanderWeele
Sound / Video: Schuyler Roozeboom
Minister: Roger Nelson

9:00 AM Service

Acolyte: Grady Kostelyk
Liturgist: Sheryl Wiers
Prayer: Kim Ottenhoff

10:15 AM Service

Acolyte: Cooper Westerveld
Liturgist: Rachel Westerveld
Prayer: Dan Quist

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