



# Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" arr. Holstein

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "The Time for Singing Has Come" Natalie Sleeth

The time for singing has come.  
The time for singing a joyful song to God, the Lord, has come.  
The time for praising is here.  
The time for praising the Lord above with songs of love is here.  
For lo, the winter is past. The cold is over and done.  
The flow'rs on the earth, the world's awakening begun!  
The time of sorrow is gone. The hour of grieving is through.  
The heart rejoices to greet the dawn and hope is born to all anew.  
Blessed shall they be, let the chorus fill the air,  
God's great goodness to declare.  
Let all before the maker bow, the time for singing praise is now.

\* GOD'S GREETING

Minister: The Lord your God is with you; he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you; and will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.  
*Zephaniah 3:17*

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 572 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.

**All: Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

Liturgist: How long will you people turn my glory into shame?  
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

Liturgist: Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord.

**All Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"  
Let the light of your face shine on us. Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.**

Liturgist: In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.  
*Psalm 4*

**All Singing: 666 "I Will Give You Rest"**  
*Repeating, following leader*

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: The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

**All: But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

Liturgist: All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

**All: But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.**

Liturgist: Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*1 John 3:1-7*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* **All Singing: 746** “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Scripture: Acts 3:11-21

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: A Shared Story

\* **All Singing: 262** “I Love to Tell the Story”

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Grace in Garfield Park

OFFERTORY “The Power of the Cross” with “Lift High the Cross” arr. Tornquist

\* **All Singing: 540** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

Choir: “Peace I Give To You” Visser

Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you;  
Not as the world gives do I give to you. *John 14:27 alt.*

Postlude: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. Schrader

### Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Beckham Van Wyngarden
Vocalists:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker	Liturgist:	Mary McKinstry
	Tony Reppmann	Prayer:	Nate Pettinga
Offertory Pianist:	Jennifer LaChonce		
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Choir Accompanist:	Monika Miadragovic		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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