

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE APRIL 15, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Risen Redeemer God, in your revealed presence is our future hope and our salvation. We seek your glory. We seek your face. Come shine upon us!

Gathering Music & Prelude "O, Divine Redeemer" Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

***Song** "Thine is the Glory" 310

***Call to Worship:** *Confident Plea for Deliverance*

You are our God and protector. Please answer our prayer.

I was in terrible distress, but you set me free.

Now have pity and listen as I pray.

How long will you people refuse to respect God? You love foolish things, and you run after what is worthless.

The Lord has chosen everyone who is faithful to be his very own, and he answers my prayers.

But each of you had better tremble and turn from your sins. Silently search your heart as you lie in bed.

Offer the proper sacrifices and trust the Lord.

There are some who ask, "Who will be good to us?"

Let your kindness, Lord, shine brightly on us.

You brought me more happiness than a rich harvest of grain and grapes.

I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe.

Psalm 4:1-8 (Contemporary English Version)

***Alleluia** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" (Refrain Only) 306

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith "The Day of Resurrection" 298

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Early Church **Acts 3:12-19**

A Reading from the New Testament **1 John 3:1-7**

***A Reading from the Gospel** **Luke 24:36b-48**

***Responsorial** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" 442

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory "For Me to Live Is Jesus" arr.by Patricia Lou Harris

Children's Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message: **The Lord is Listening; Listen to Him!**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" 472

***Spoken Benediction**

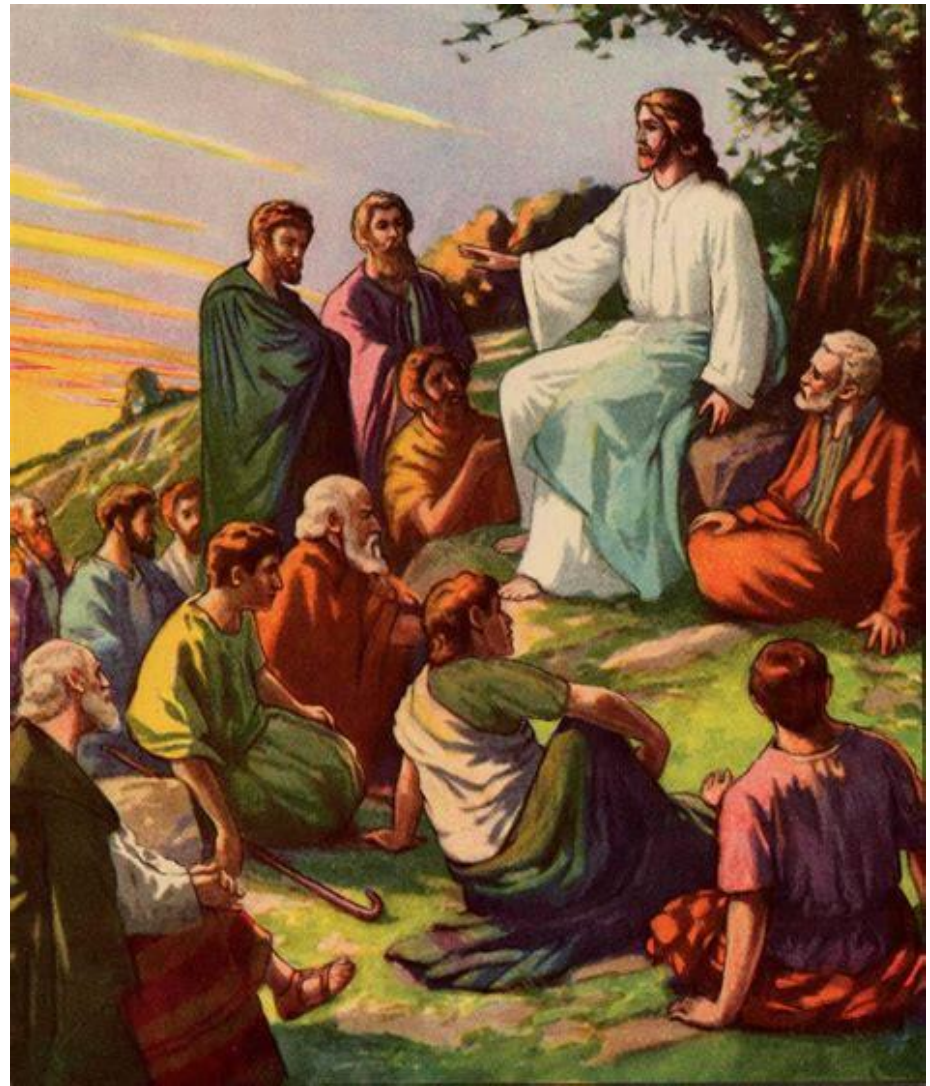
***Postlude** "Introduction and Fughetta" Janet Nyfeler
arranged by Carson Cooman

***Please stand if able**

EASTERTIDE – The seven Sundays between Easter and Pentecost are called: “Eastertide” or the “Easter Season.” During these fifty days (forty plus ten), we celebrate the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ by repeating the “Easter Greeting” and singing an extra “Alleluia” song in worship. Luke wrote in the Book of Acts, “For forty days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God’s kingdom” (1:3). Eastertide includes the Day of Ascension (Thursday, May 10, 2018) and concludes on Pentecost Sunday (May 20, 2018).

AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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