

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Easter Greeting:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening #312

“Christ is Alive”

Truro

***Call to Worship**

Thanksgiving for Recovery

I love God because he listened to me, listened as I begged for mercy.

He listened so intently as I laid out my case before him.

Death stared me in the face, hell was hard on my heels.

Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn; then I called out to God for help: “Please, God!” I cried out. “Save my life!”

God is gracious—it is he who makes things right, our most compassionate God.

What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me?

I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to God! I'll pray in the name of God;

I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it together with his people.

When God's people arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love him.

Oh, God, here I am, your servant, your faithful servant: set me free for your service!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 116:1-6, 12-17, The Message (MSG) plus the *Gloria Patri*.

***Songs of Praise “Come, People of the Risen King” WT**

***Invocation Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

Alleluia “Living Hope” WT

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Spirit Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Apostles 1 Peter 1:14-23

***A Reading from the Gospels Luke 24:13-35**

***Responsorial “Open the Eyes of My Heart” WT**

The Prayer of the Congregation and The Lord's 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 the glory forever.

Invitation to Giving & Offertory

Message “The Power of Hope in the Good News”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

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

Song #374 “Refiner's Fire” *Purify My Heart

***Spoken Benediction The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

Postlude

*Please stand if able

EASTERTIDE SEASON – Eastertide (or the Easter Season) is a 50-day festal season in the Christian church focused on celebrating the Resurrection and the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ to his many disciples. Eastertide begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (Acts 2). The color of the season is white.

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song or speak with the Minister or one of the Church leaders.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Homebound delivery is available upon request.

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CHRIST IS ALIVE LET CHRISTIANS SING

- Verse 1 Christ is alive let Christians sing
The cross stands empty to the sky
Let streets and homes with praises ring
Love drowned in death
Shall never die
- Verse 2 Christ is alive
No longer bound to distant years in Palestine
But saving healing here and now
And touching ev'ry place and time
- Verse 3 Not throned afar remotely high
Untouched unmoved by human pains
But daily in the midst of life
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns
- Verse 4 In ev'ry insult rift and war
Where color scorn or wealth divide
Christ suffers still yet loves the more
And lives where even hope has died
- Verse 5 Christ is alive and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy
With justice love and praise

"COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING"

- Verse 1 Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in
- Chorus Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice
- Verse 2 Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace
- Verse 3 Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

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LIVING HOPE

Verse 1 How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe

Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Chorus Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge Holy holy holy (3x)
I want to see You

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REFINER'S FIRE

Verse 1
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus
Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Verse 2
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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**THE LORD
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;**

**THE LORD
MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE
UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;**

**THE LORD
LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE
UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26, ESV