

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 18, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Easter Proclamation:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Song # 295 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Call to Worship

Answer me when I call, O God!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord!

How long, you people, will God’s honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord!

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

But ponder it on your beds and be silent!

Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord!

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord!

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord,
make me lie down safely.

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord!

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

*Song of Faith “See What a Morning” Worship Team

*Unison Invocation Prayer – Holy and Righteous God, your holy name heals and strengthens us. May we find the faith to trust in you entirely, even as children instinctively trust a loving parent. May we hope in your always, and thus be made pure, holy, and perfect in your likeness. May we perfectly obedience you, just as Jesus Christ was obedient all the way

to the cross. Come, Lord, help us! Come, Lord, fill us! Come, Lord, be near us, now and always, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Alleluia #316

“Alleluia”

All

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

*Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

*Responsorial #66

“To God Be the Glory”

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

The Prayer of the People 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.

Message

“I Love My Church: We Stand Together”

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

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 #719 “Go My Children, with My Blessing” *AR HYD Y NOS*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

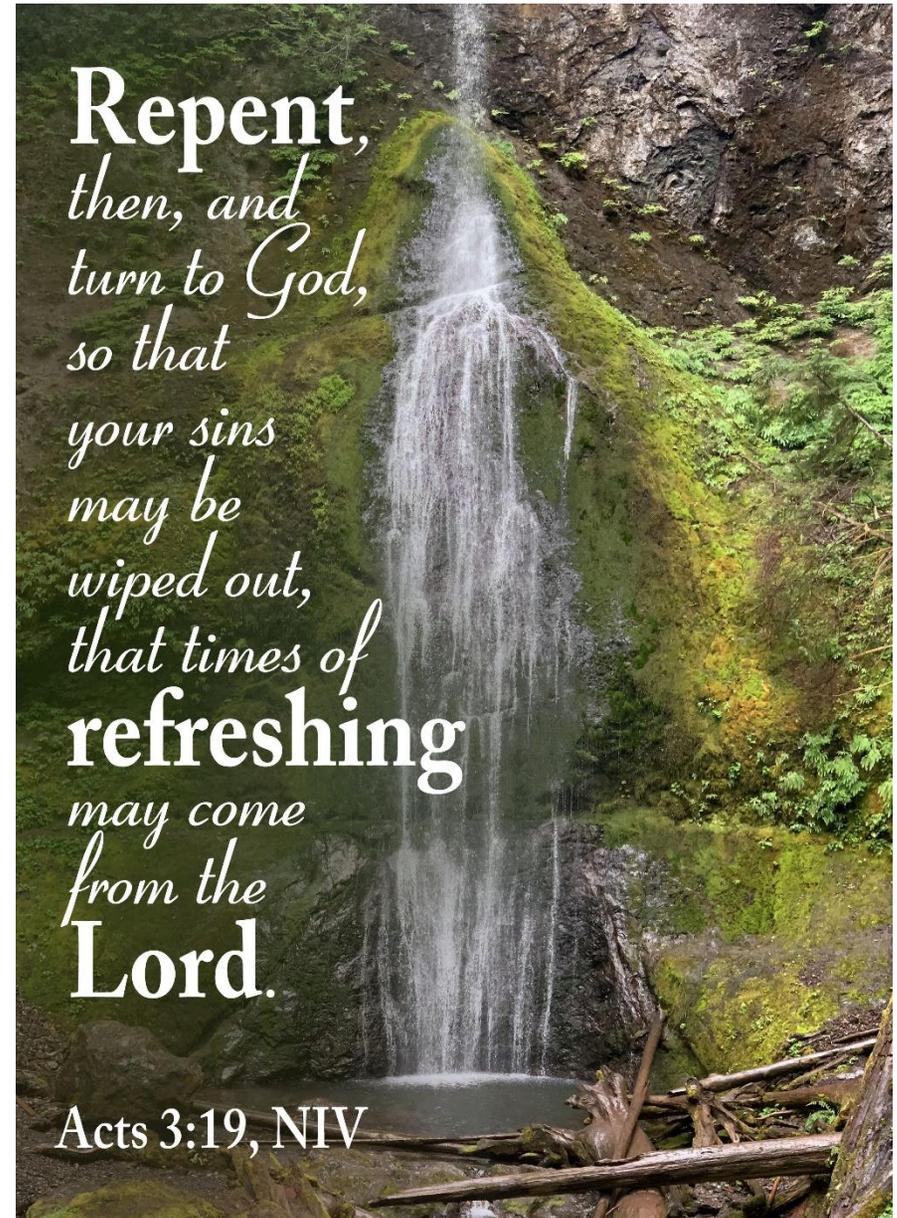
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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