



APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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GATHERING AND PRAISE

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CALL TO WORSHIP      *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (UMH #139)*  
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Awesome and amazing God, you go to the depths of love and the heights of caring for us. You sing to us in the beauty of each dawn. You walk with us each day. You bless us each evening, and you hide us under the shadow of your wings each night. Awesome and amazing God, we sing praise to you and tell of your love to all creation. Amen.**

HYMN

*“Morning Has Broken” (UMH #145)*  
**Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word!**  
  
**Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**  
  
**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER      *“Lord, Be Glorified” (TFWS #2150)*  
**In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

MORNING PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

Hayes/Gaspard

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

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SCRIPTURE

*Luke 24:36b-48 (CEB)*

Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”<sup>37</sup> They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

<sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” <sup>40</sup> As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of baked fish. <sup>43</sup> Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

<sup>44</sup> Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Look at the World”*

John Rutter

SERMON

*“Paying Attention”*

Rev. David Lord

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RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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HYMN

*“This Is My Father’s World” (UMH #144)*

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me ring the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.**

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SENDING FORTH

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING

*“On Eagles Wings” (UMH #143)*

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**