

Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017 11:00 am

“God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Madeline Case

***Call to Worship**

Madeline Case

L: Thank you Father for the breath of life

P: God is Love – Love never ends

L: Thank you Spirit for guiding my steps

P: God is Love – Love never ends

L: Thank you Jesus for our loving sacrifice

P: God is Love – Love never ends

***Opening Hymn**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

UMH 474

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Madeline Case

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,

arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(GELASIAN SACRAMENTARY, 5TH CENT., ALT.)

***Passing of the Peace**

Anthem

Senior High

Children's Message

Carly Wood

Hymn Response

“What Wondrous Love is This” (v. 1)

UMH 292

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

New Testament

Romans

8:24-38

Caitlin Brumley

1 Corinthians

13:4-8

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Faith**

“In the Garden”

UMH 314

Message

“Define Love”

Jonathan Wilkerson

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory

Ben Griese

***Doxology**

“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”

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Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His son.

**And now let the weak say, I am strong. Let the poor say, I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Wilkerson

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn**

"Happy the Home When God Is There"

UMH 445

Benediction and Sending Forth

Jonathan Wilkerson

***Hymn Response**

“Amen”

UMH 898

Postlude

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

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*The flowers on the altar today are given by Joan Windland in memory of her husband,
who passed away four years ago on April 27, 2013*

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The Family of Jack T. Dorsey, Sr., The Kotoriy Family, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

