THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Sing Glory to the Name of God* arr. Paul Manz

adapted from Psalm 56

CALL TO WORSHIP Seth Stottlemyer

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN 240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pursuing God,
you come to us proclaiming peace.
Yet, all too often, we remain overwhelmed
by anxiety and paralyzed by doubt.
Forgive us.
Give us some sure sign of your presence this day
that we might serve you with joy always.

(a moment for silent reflection)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 647** *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brynn Rosemary Slansky - daughter of Elise & Blake Slansky
and sister of Blaire Slansky

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic melody/
(The Chancel Choir) arr. John Levitt

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 dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's 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 re-creation of the new day!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:36-53

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Conclave* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hyfrydol

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Seth Stottlemyer

We are convinced the life God wills for each of us
is stronger than the death that destroys us.
The glory of that life exceeds our imagination,
but we know we shall be with Christ.
So we treat death as a broken power.
Its ultimate defeat is certain.
In the face of death we grieve.
Yet in hope we celebrate life.
No life ends so tragically
that its meaning and value are destroyed.
Nothing, not even death, can separate us
From the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. Steven Phillips

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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