THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 14, 2024
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *We Are One in the Spirit* Scholtes/arr. Phillips
(Steven Phillips, piano and Mark DeRose, percussion)

from Psalm 96

CALL TO WORSHIP Marvin Miller

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
For great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised.

***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. *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 611** (v. 1) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING Diana Hovorka

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Healing Light: A Celtic Prayer* Karl Jenkins
(The Chancel Choir with Mark De Rose, percussion)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Amen.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Amen.

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Choreography of Grace* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* arr. Paul Manz

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDRETH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

A Declaration Of Faith (1977)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Marvin Miller

We acknowledge God is at work here and now
when people show personal concern for each other
and work to make helping agencies,
including the church itself,
more compassionate.

We believe God sends us
to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.

We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help in ways
that affirm dignity and responsibility.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 250** *In the Bulb There is a Flower* PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Mouret* Jean-Joseph Mouret

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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