THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Tim Boggess

PRELUDE — *A Gentle Inward Movement* — Steven Phillips

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Mary Willis

We hear the voice of Jesus:
our hearts burn within us.
We lift our voices to God
and call on the name of the Lord!
The risen Christ is here in this place:
Alleluia!

*** 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

Ever-present God,
Jesus' resurrection is our reminder
that you are alive and at work among us.
Yet we confess that we often lose sight of you
in the worry and concerns of everyday life.
We are so easily overwhelmed. Forgive us.
Open our eyes so that we might recognize you
walking beside us everywhere we go.
Kindle our hearts with your warmth and light
as we seek to be your disciples.

(silent prayer)

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY 805 (vs. 1 & 4)** *Come Sing to God* ELLACOMBE

Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *Meeting Jesus Along the Way* Tim Boggess

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the *Confession of 1967*
Mary Willis

New life in Christ
takes shape in a community
in which people know that
God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.

They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has
any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM *Bright Canaan* (The Chancel Choir) Early American/ arr. Shaw & Parker

O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the land of Canaan;
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Refrain:
O Canaan, bright Canaan,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.
O Canaan it is my happy home,
I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'll join with them who've gone before,
I am bound for the land of Canaan;
Where sin and sorrows are no more,
I am bound for the land of Canaan. (Refrain)

Our songs of praise shall fill the skies,
I am bound for the land of Canaan;
And higher still our joys they rise,
I am bound for the land of Canaan. (Refrain)

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.

*** HYMN 485** *We Know that Christ is Raised* ENGELBERG

We know that Christ is raised
and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke
its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned
to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in
his saving death.
Reborn we share with him
an Easter life
as living members of
a living Christ. Alleluia!

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The Father's splendor clothes
the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes
the church of God.
Baptized we live with God
the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes
to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes
on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored
and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** *Psalm Nineteen* Benedetto Marcello

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