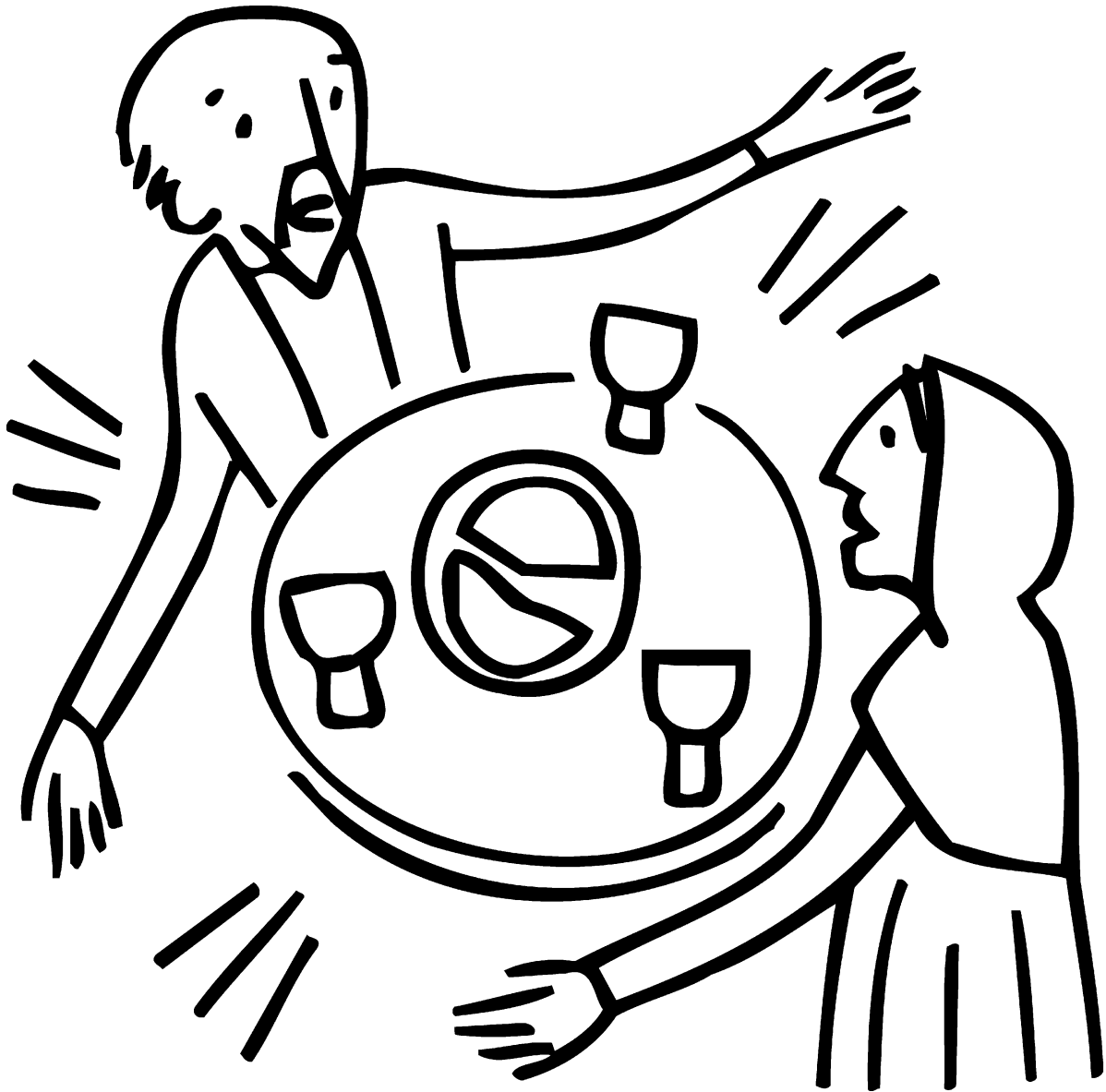


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 26, 2020

WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.
A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

Living Hope

Wickham/Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.
Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Ancient Words

Deshazo

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and † of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you and **✝** frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
Amen.

HYMN *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)*

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.

Verse 1:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.

Verse 2:

You're rich in love and slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

So, bless the Lord, oh, my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name. Bless You Lord.
Oh, ----Oh,-----Oh,-----Oh---

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, oh, my soul.
I worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.
Jesus, I will worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²*for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.*

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came
upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴*Then I called upon the name of the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

**¹³*I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.***

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**¹⁵*Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.***

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

**¹⁷*I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.***

⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

**¹⁹*in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!***

READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from 1st Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially
according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of
your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver
or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb
without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation

of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

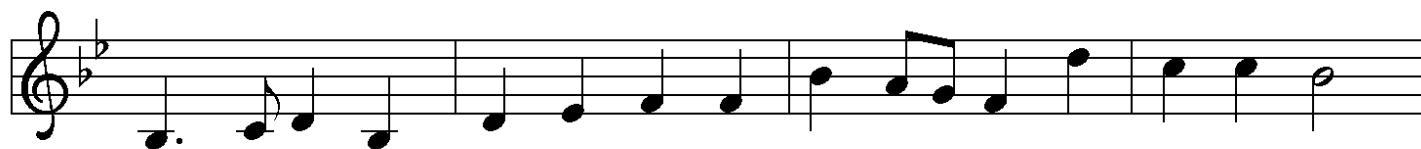
²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at

the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

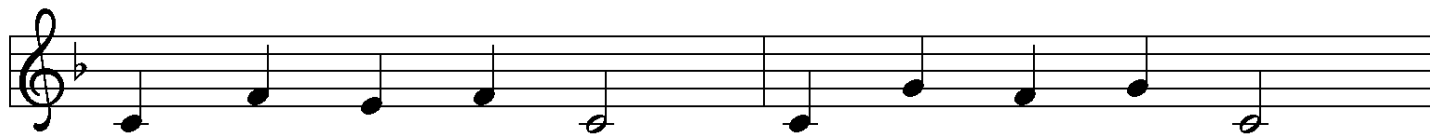
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

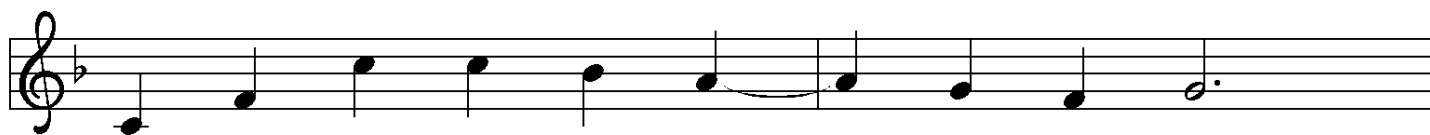
Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

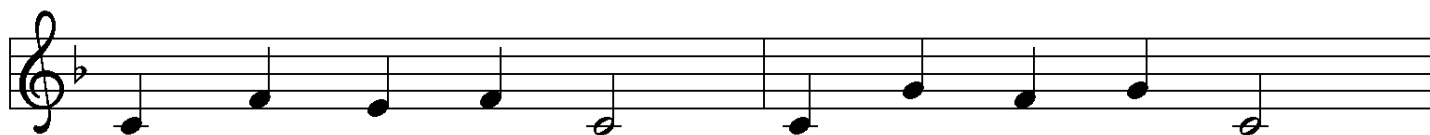
What things?



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

The Prayers conclude:

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord
Amen.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.mthlc.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Please also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.

OFFERING

Be Still, My Soul

Silbelius

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Open Our Eyes, Lord

W&P 113

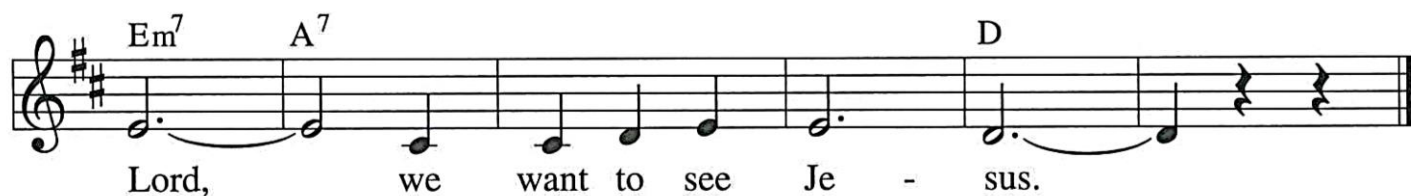
O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Merciful God,

***our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.***

***Feed us again with this meal for service
in your name in the strength of the risen Christ.
Amen.***

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

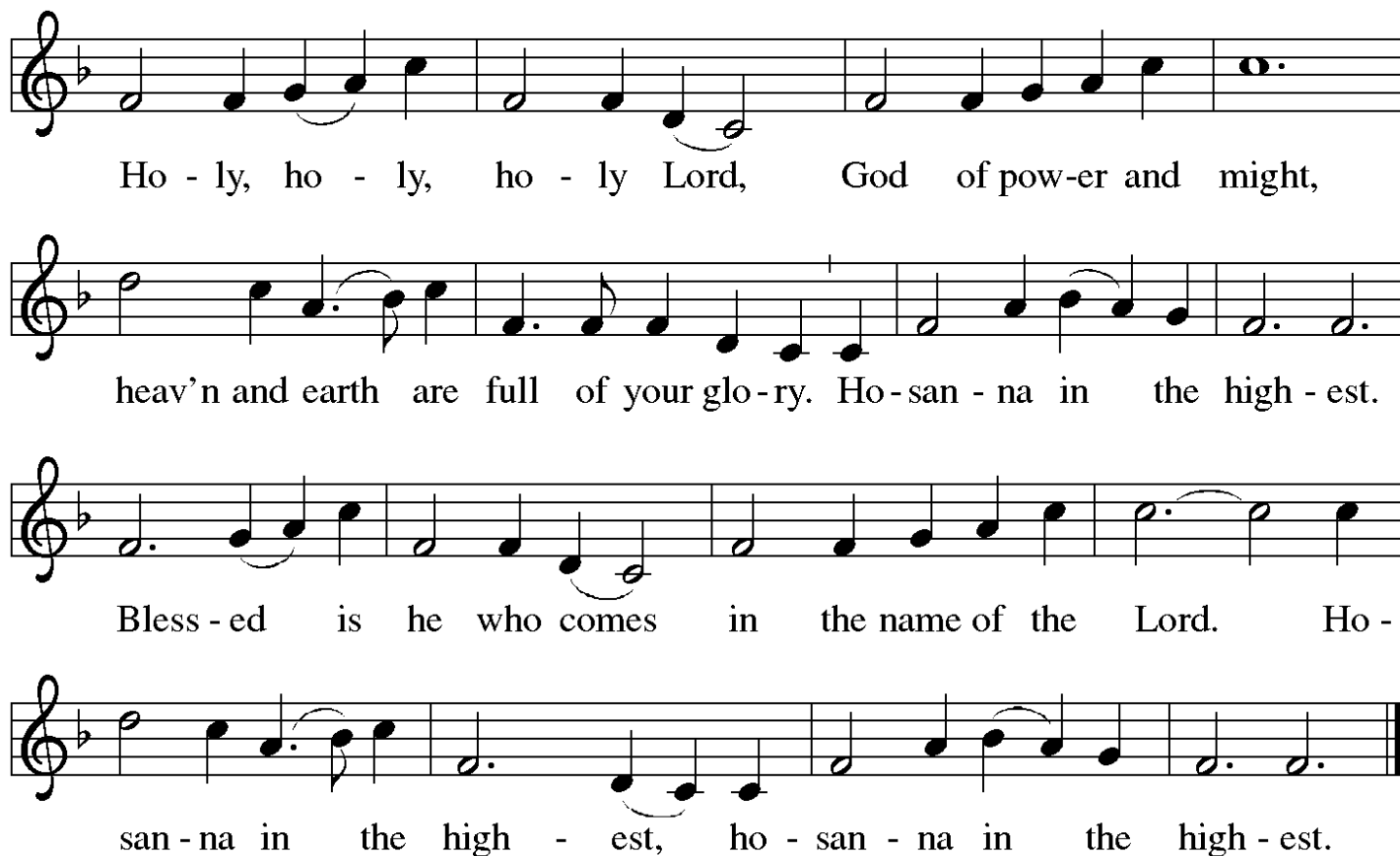
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. The true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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 and ever. Amen.

MUSIC

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC

Remembrance

Maher/Redman

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW 543



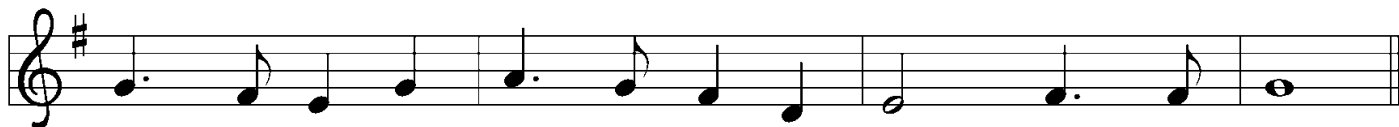
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

Christ is Risen!

He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

MUSIC

May the Lord Bless and Keep You

Dexton

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Manz

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dion, Pastor Gina, and Breanna Metze.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS who lead worship: Regan Anthony, soloist today. Other members of the choir. Daryl Leigh Anthony, Wynne Price, Joel Price, Ryan Price and also to the **LIVE STREAM PRODUCTION CREW:** Sheila Starkey and Breanna Metze.



Sunday School
on Zoom
April 26 at 11 a.m.

To join the group, please email
pastorginametze@gmail.com

*First and Third Sunday
of the Month*

Communion Distribution and Blessings

Immediately following service
until 1:00 pm
in the church parking lot

Enter paved parking lot near the bus
and loop in front of the church office.



**WEDNESDAYS
AND
FRIDAYS
9 AM TO NOON**



3011 Leaphart Road
West Columbia

Please enter the parking lot on Leaphart
Road, and we'll bring the food to your car.

Did you know we have expanded the hours of the food pantry and we also added a second day? We are in need of disciples to help with the food pantry distribution and we are providing a list of items that are in need:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta sauce and noodles
- Rice
- Mac and cheese
- Canned meats

Tithes, and Offering for 03/19/2020
Live Stream Worship – 121+
Drive in Communion - 93

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$2,390.82
Building Improvement	Received	\$210.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$964.95

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Ernie Swygert by Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer, Gene & Jane Sexton, The Michael Baker International Hydrology Unit

In memory of Dad and in honor of Mom by Myra & Carl Kinard, brothers and families



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MT HERMON PRAYS ...

**everyone who has been affected by the virus and sickness*

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Tom & June Roof, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Rev. Everette Price, *Rice House*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry

Parker Boulware

Connie Bucknam

Lila Catt

Gene Schofield

Jeff Bucknam, *deployed*

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*

Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Backman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*

Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*

Jane Park, *friend of Pastor Gina & Dion*

Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*

Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*

**Dan Tinman, friend of congregation*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 3rd *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 - 1:00 Drive Up Communion

Wednesday, May 6th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry

Friday, May 8th

9:00 am – 12:00 Food Pantry

12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Sunday, May 9th *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

11:00 am Sunday School via Zoom



Evening
devotions

6:35 pm

Join the FaceBook
community
for a time of
daily reflection.

Pastor Gina



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Robin Ellisor, <i>Secretary</i>	Parker Boulware, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

Sunday, April 26th *Third Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

11:00 am Sunday School via Zoom

Wednesday, April 29th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry

Friday, April 31st

9:00 am – 12:00 Food Pantry

12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Sunday, May 3rd *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 - 1:00 Drive Up Communion