

**LOVE COMES TO LIFE 3. Showing Up
The Third Sunday of Easter**

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*The Prelude is part of our Order of Worship, time to pray
and seek quietness as we all prepare to worship God together.*

PRELUDE “How Can I Keep from Singing” Lowry

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and CHURCH NEWS Jim Simpson

* **INTROIT # 248 v1** “Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!”
*Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Paula Morris

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.
**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**
God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.
**That we may share God’s love and life,
and be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**
The living Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

* **HYMN # 233** “The Day of Resurrection”

CALL TO and PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silent prayer, then spoken*)

God of empty tombs:

**Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith,
while we remain silent.
The psalmist speaks of trusting in you,
while our doubts overwhelm us.
Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace,
but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.**

God of full hearts:

**your love can change us from scared people to children of grace.
You can weed doubts from our hearts
and plant seeds of joy in their place.**

**You can silence the panic of our souls
with the peace Jesus offers to each of us.
Transform us into Easter people,
through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE #231 v3 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
*Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 4 (p. 464/p. 603) Paula Morris
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*Activity Packs for children available ask Usher*)

***HYMN # 240** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

GOSPEL READING Luke 24: 13-35 (p. 85/p.110) Lynn Hayes
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “I Will Come to You” Haas

SERMON “What things?” Jim Simpson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord’s Prayer (...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...)

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERTORY “Faith” Hayes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lynn Hayes

**Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts.
Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention
to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit,
open to the joy of your presence,
hospitable to one another,
and generous toward your world. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostle's Creed" Hymnal p. 35

* HYMN # 257 "The Risen Christ"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go now, to be God's children in the world.

We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.

Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.

Go now, to share the Spirit's hope for the world.

We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them.

**The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
fill our hearts and minds now and always. Amen.**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #295 v3 "Go to the World"

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.*

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "I Love You, Lord" Klein

Kathy Cardwell, Director of Music

**All who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

Next Sunday, April 22 – Easter 4. Truth in Action

Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18 Sermon: Hired hand or Good Shepherd?

9:00 a.m. Discovery Class Reception of new members

SESSION OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CLASS OF 2019:	Sylvia Goodyear	Patty Morris	Doris Riggs
CLASS OF 2020:	Bruce Burn	Candy Frank	Frances Young

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