

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2020

**Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Kathy Winters, Liturgist

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him, and will eat with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#325 Blue Book

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Dearest Father, in worship we open ourselves to you individually. We also offer to you our collective praise and the joy of our lips. We open the heart of our fellowship and seek to open the hearts of people everywhere.

Grant that the splendor of our communion with you will so transform us that we will serve you faithfully. Amen.

*PIANO INTERLUDE

Marty Light

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy Creator God, we confess that we often live one-dimensional lives that are insensitive to your presence and that of the living Christ in our world. We often wind up directing our attention in all the wrong places and placing our faith in all the wrong things. We then speak and act in ways unbecoming to that of your children, created in your image.

Forgive us, O Lord -

And make us attentive and able to see with our hearts through the superficial to the spiritual, and to find in the creation around us the living Christ to touch us.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say, in Jesus Christ, your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE** "*On Eagle's Wings*"

***And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.***

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Kathy Winters, Lay Reader

Holy and Loving God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Open our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

Kathy Winters, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN "*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*" #295 Blue Book
Marty Light & Kathy Winters

GOSPEL READING *Luke 24:13-35* Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Marty Light

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Marty Light

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology *"Praise God From All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer

*SPECIAL MUSIC (*Duet Recording*)

"The Prayer"

Alyssa Lowe Plott & Megan Parker

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light

