



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
servng Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

The Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter — The Sacrament of Communion

April 14, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

Lani Smith

Kathy Finnerty, piano

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

Valerie Stephenson

Joyful Ringers

Call to Worship

One: The Lord hears us when we call:

All: Come, let us put our trust in God.

One: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

All: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

One: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

All: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

No. 239

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts; but you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1) Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

(Please check first with those you approach)

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Stephen Ministry

Kathy Knight

Anthem *It is Good to Sing Praise* Mary Ellen Kerrick
It is good to sing praise to the Lord, the God of our salvation, to tell of his wondrous works, proclaim his love to all nations. His glories let us share with people everywhere, age to age still the same, the God of all creation. Praise the Lord with harp, trumpet, flute and string, everywhere that sounds praise the Lord.
Melody Singers

Children's Message
*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination Mindy D'Amico

First Reading Acts 3:12-19 (page 887)

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36b-48 (page 861)

Sermon "God's Power of Life and Healing" Rev. Amy Lincoln

*Affirmation of Faith (Romans 8: 1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem *The Strife is O'er* Lani Smith
The strife is o'er the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy out burst. Alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, from death's sting free your servants too, that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

*Doxology

No. 607

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

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*It is our common practice to hold onto the elements until all have received them
and then to partake of them together at the direction of the pastor.*

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, you promise to meet us where we are and to provide the soul food we
need to thrive. We are grateful that in this shared meal we meet you and are nour-
ished for our journey. Renew our faith so that as we are sent out into the world, we
will help to shine your light for those seeking hope. We thank you and praise you for
your loving care. Amen.**

*Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!

No. 233

*Charge and Benediction

Response

Peace Be Yours

Austin A'hearn

Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through,
blessing and mercy and wholeness too. May God's peace be yours.

Postlude

The Risen Christ!

Lani Smith

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