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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the resurrection and all that it implies for us. Other than the psalm with which we begin worship, all of the texts describe life in the early church soon after Jesus' resurrection. This single event defines so much of their shared life that we might refer to them as the Easter community, but in the reading from Luke, the experience is so fresh that the disciples are still stuck in a fog created by the trauma of Jesus' death. The sermon explores their condition and how Jesus responds with a view toward the ways in which we might respond to grief and trauma and somehow claim the hope of new life. We lift up prayers for such an experience, sing hymns of praise to the God who brings us hope in Christ, and hear from another one of our members, Bob Talley, on where signs of hope are found even in the midst of a pandemic and the reality of our personal challenges.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" arr. John Leavitt  
Sue Crocker, organ

The Trinity Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."*

The Call to Worship (responsive) Psalm 4

LEADER: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress.

PEOPLE: **Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

LEADER: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

PEOPLE: **How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

LEADER: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful.

PEOPLE: **The Lord hears when I call.**

LEADER: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

PEOPLE: **Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.**

LEADER: There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'

PEOPLE: **You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.**

ALL: ***I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.***

The Invocation

Leah Reed

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,  
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,  
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Michael Hood

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

Lynn Lingafelt

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Hymn of Devotion

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

DUKE STREET

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this  
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
 4. He lives, my kind, wise, heav - enly friend; he lives and  
 5. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

blest as - sur - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he  
 Sav - ior, still the same; what joy this blest as -

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King!  
 sur - rance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“A Helpful and Instructive Response to Trauma”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Musical Response

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

arr. Douglas Wagner

Music Made in Heaven handbell ensemble

The Affirmation of Faith

Bob Talley

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

The Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”*

The Postlude

“Toccata on Duke Street”

Gilbert Martin

Sue Crocker, organ

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The tunes and texts of “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” and “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” are in the public domain.

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Today’s Worship Helpers are Luke, Jay, and Meg Foster.

*Music Made in Heaven* is a very special handbell ensemble. Each of their bells has been donated in memory of a child who has died and is inscribed in remembrance. They play to express their joy and gratitude for the lives of these children. They also play to inspire healing and hope in others. Most importantly, their playing is a gift to their children, providing a way to add beauty to our world through music. They call it *Music Made in Heaven*. There are a number of FBC children who are remembered with bells donated by their parents. More information can be found on the group’s website [www.mmihraleigh.org](http://www.mmihraleigh.org)

Beginning the first Sunday in May, we will begin allowing up to 100 people in worship. We are also beginning to think about a plan to allow more groups to meet at the church, including the possibility of rotating Sunday School classes using only the larger rooms. See upcoming issues of the *Rose Window Weekly* for details about protocols and sign-up procedures!

## Calendar Highlights • April 18–24, 2021

### Sunday, April 18

- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
- 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- High School Sunday School (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 11:00 Virtual Worship Service (YouTube)
- 2:00 3rd–5th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 4:00 Three-year-olds – Kindergarten Sunday School (Zoom)
- 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School (Lingafelt yard)
- 5:30 Deacons Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Youth Group (Church parking lot)

### Monday, April 19

- 8:00 Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### Tuesday, April 20

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- High School Bible Study (Helms home)
- 6:15 Middle School Gathering (Ellis home)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School (Zoom)

### Wednesday, April 21

- 5:30 Preschool Music & Missions (Bissette yard)
- 6:15 Centerpoint
- 7:00 Youth Movie Night (Netflix Teleparty)

### Thursday, April 22

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 7:30 College Group (Zoom)