

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn of Gathering "Thine is the Glory" # 218

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

[Refrain:] Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing. for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love. Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 4 Dean Eslinger

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

C: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

L: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

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

L: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

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

L: 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.

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text Luke 24: 36b-48 (NRSV)
Message "Can I Get a Witness?" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings Dean Eslinger

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation Dean Eslinger

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

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 216

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude "Marching to Zion" # 707

April 18, 2021

3rd^d Sunday after Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Luke 24: 36b-48 (NRSV)

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ 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.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

L: He is risen

P: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.