

**3rd Sunday of Easter  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Seasonal Color: White

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

“That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright” Michael Praetorius/arr. Dale Wood

*(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)*

Call to Worship

Psalm 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.

**God has turned mourning into dancing; we are girded  
with gladness and will thank God forever.**

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**Girded with gladness, we come rejoicing. You are God of salvation; we  
give you praise. When we cried for help you heard us; from out of the  
pit you rescued us. You have turned our mourning into dancing, loosed  
our sackcloth, and adorned us with favor. We raise our voices in  
faithful thanksgiving and give glory and honor to your wondrous name.**

Opening Hymn: “Lift High the Cross”

GTG # 826

**(refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come Christians follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified  
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (refrain)**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. (refrain)**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (refrain)**

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE**

Litany of Affirmation

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power  
and wealth and wisdom.

**To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory  
and might forever and ever!**

Christ will send you into the city and tell you what you are to do.

**To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory  
and might forever and ever!**

You are Christ's chosen instrument, called to suffer

for the sake of Christ's name.

**To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory  
and might forever and ever!**

Christ will restore your sight and fill you with the Holy Spirit.

**To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!**

Congregational Response:

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” Tanzanian melody/Bernard Kyamanywa

**“Go spread the news; he's not in the grave.**

**He has arisen this world to save.**

**Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.”**

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.**

**Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

Anthem: “Be Thou My Vision”

Trad. Irish/arr. Heather Sorenson

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.

Thou my best thought, Thou my best thought by day or by night;

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light, You shine in the night.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.

Thou mine inheritance, now and always.

Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,

Thou and Thou only, my treasure Thou art.

Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart.

Blessed Redeemer, my treasure Thou art!

High King of heaven, my victory won!

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, still be my light, and you will still be my vision,

Shine in the night. Be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night.

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

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Sermon: “The One in Charge Changes Everything”

David Roquemore

Hymn: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

GTG #662

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;**

**Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;**

**Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;**

**Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;**

**Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;**

**Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;**

**More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

Affirmation of Faith: Book of Common Worship

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and  
by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on  
the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,  
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first  
and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.**

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GTG # 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE ARE SEALED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving...

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*(The prayer continues, ending with "...the universal church and the  
heavenly choir." Congregation joins in singing the Sanctus, GTG # 559)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The prayer continues until "Great is Thy mystery of Faith." Congregation  
joins in singing: 'Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen' GTG # 560)*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... and 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.**

*(After the Lord's Prayer, congregation join in singing 'Amen' GTG # 561)*

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion: The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been  
fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have  
prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the  
nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" GTG # 314  
(Christ, Be Our Light)

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**(refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (refrain)**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. (refrain)**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone. (refrain)**

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. (refrain)**

Benediction

Postlude: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Tanzanian melody/Bernard Kyamanywa

For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed  
He who gives life did death undergo,  
And in its conquest his might did show  
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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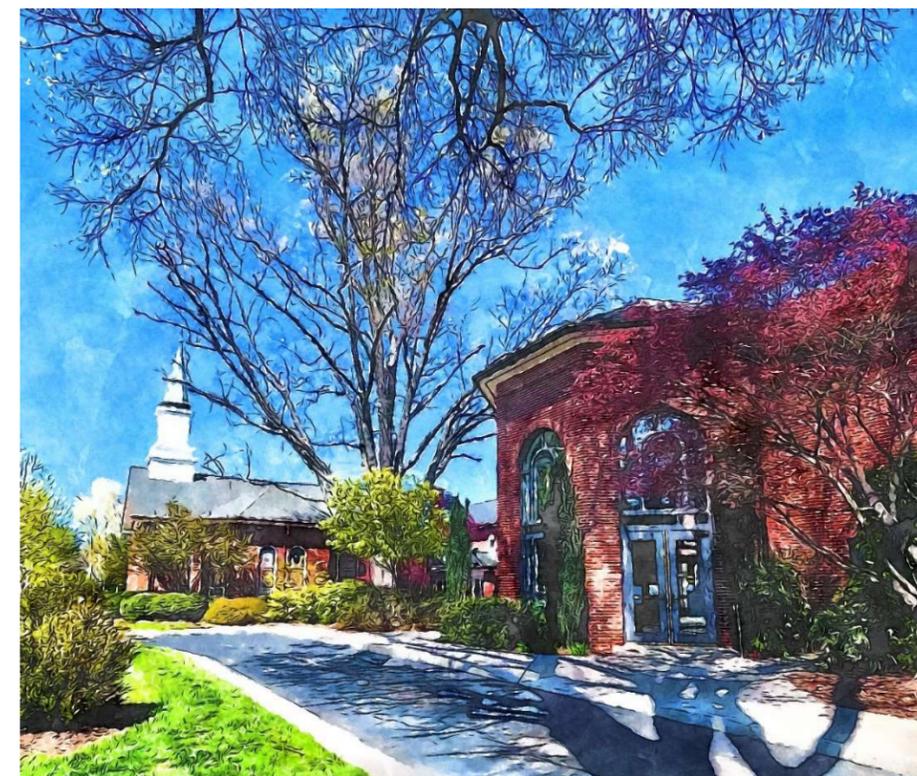
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