

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us prepare for worship by praying,
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Choral Introit

THE GATHERING

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.
Give thanks to God's holy name.

**People: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.
Thank God for healing and ever-present help.**

Leader: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.
Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

**People: God sees and hears our weeping.
God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.**

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.
Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

**People: We have cried to you in our need, O God.
We believe you are working to make us whole.
Let us worship God together!**

*The Hymn No. 41

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed.

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend to make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let the scales fall from our eyes. God has offered you new sight. Unplug your ears. God is claiming you as a beloved servant. Warm yourselves to the community that surrounds you. God has given you sisters and brothers to love. You are forgiven and claimed and sent to serve.

People: We shall reach out to feed and care and follow where Christ leads us as people who have been forgiven and claimed and called by the living God. Amen.

THE WORD

The Children's Time

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

John 21:1-19

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

"Remember Who You Are"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn No. 397

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

The Congregational Meeting

*The Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response

Lift High the Cross

*Come, Christians follow where the Savior trod. The Lamb victorious,
Christ the Son of God. Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*