

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. April 3, 2016

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: Tremble, O earth, in the presence of your God.
It is an awesome thing to be surprised by God.

**People: When we sit at the table, there is a presence with us.
When we hold hands and pray, the love of Christ is revealed.**

Leader: We are invited to participate in the goodness of God.
We are lifted up to see the bounty of the earth.

**People: Let us be glad together, rejoicing in salvation.
Let us meet one another with sincerity and truth.**

Leader: Let us not be strangers to one another. God calls us into the family
of faith.

Praise and thanks be to the Lord God Almighty! Amen.

*The Hymn No. 208

"The Day of Resurrection"

*The Prayer of Confession

**Your church is less than faithful, righteous God. We want to represent our risen Savior, but we forget that Jesus loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable, and welcomed sinners. We set limits on inclusiveness and break bread and fellowship only with those who we feel qualify to sit at a table with us. Seldom do we recognize your presence in people whom we are afraid to love. Forgive our lack of passion for discipleship. Forgive us and renew your church, O God.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Disgrace is not God's intention for the church. Rather, God lifts the shroud from us, reaching out to heal our brokenness and save us from our prejudices. Day after day, God comes to us through people and situations, inviting us to become as Christ to our neighbors and to see in them the One who is known to us in the blessing and the breaking of the bread. Friends, believe the Good News, because we are forgiven, let us also forgive.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Children's Time

THE WORD

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 150

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 24:13-49

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Haven’t You Seen? Haven’t You Heard?”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

The Choral Response

***The Affirmation of Faith:** From a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching the word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri**

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

***The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

***The Hymn No.**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Action

The Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer

*The Hymn No. 390

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

***The Charge and Benediction**

Congregation Response

*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.*