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"Are you sure this fish is cooked properly?"

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Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE: Jason Palmer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: WITNESS

written by Thom Shuman and posted on [LiturgyLink](#).

We are witnesses,
to the love God has poured into us.
We are witnesses of God's love,
sharing it with each person we meet.
We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
little children like us,
sisters and brothers in God's family.

OPENING PRAYER

written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the [Worship Connection](#) page of the [Ministry Matters](#) website.

Lord of Dawn and Darkness,
how grateful we are for your loving mercies.
You saw our fear and doubt, our suspicion, our mistrust,
and you banished them from our lives,
replacing them with hope, peace, love, and joy.

You called us to be your witnesses, to all the world,
unafraid of what others might think or say about us.
We have been invited out of our darkened hideaways,
into the light of your world as emissaries of hope and justice,
peace and compassion.

Be with us, as we participate in ministries of healing and hope
through this church, in our community, region, nation, and world.
Give us courage and strength to be your disciples
in all the circumstances of our lives;
for we ask this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Here's a responsive prayer of confession inspired by 1 John 3:1-3. It was posted on the [Seasons Online](#) website.

Confession

Beloved, we are God's children now,
but what we will be in the fullness of our time
has not been revealed.

What we do know is this:
we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God.

Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way.

(Follow each statement with a moment of silence.)

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus fed those who were hungry...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Assurance

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now.

The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of Christ is revealed within us.

We are becoming more and more like Christ each day.

Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people; saints and instruments of God's way.

GATHERING SONG: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds vs 1 & 4*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds

4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has

and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of

tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be - to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God,

you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"³⁹Look 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."⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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."⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Be Glorified*



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

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CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering in our prayers:

Paul (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Art** (Williamson), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka), **Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Marlene** (Zeller), **Carl** (Scholz), **Dan** (Reichel), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Gen** (Joyce), **the family & friends of Norb** (Lenius).

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Body of Christ Given for you
The Blood of Christ Shed for you

Please consume your elements

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing vs 1 & 5*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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BLESSING: SOFT EYES

*written by Anna, and posted on the **Grace** website worship archive. <http://www.freshworship.org/>*

may the God who is community
be with us as we seek to be a community

may God bless our dreams
and may God shatter our dreams

may God help us to be real
and to find depth in weakness and brokenness

may God help us to face and grow through conflict
rather than pretend by being nice

may we look at each other through soft eyes
and truly respect each other as human beings

may God help us let go of control
and the need to fix one another

may God help us discover we are needy in our own souls
and give attention to our own hearts

may God grant us the gift of an extraordinary love
that flows from the heart of God
that covers a multitude of wrongs

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Jason Palmer

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