



*Third Sunday
of Easter
May 4, 2025*

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in D Major Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship

Again and again, Jesus calls:

Rise up from your despair;

Come out from brooding worry;

Step out from the shadow of grief;

Walk toward hope;

Breathe in the Spirit;

Live a resurrection life;

Sing a joyful song!

Songs of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #581

 "Blessed Be Your Name" #21

 "Let Justice Flow Down" #295

Prayer of Confession

Ever Loving God, we call to you as eternal, ever-present and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in our daily lives. Sometimes shame surrounds our heart, and we stumble and lose our way. Forgive us and free us from shame and self-doubt and to trust always in you. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may be a witness to you in our world. Hold us to you, and build our relationship with you, and with those you have given us on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 96:1-9	Paul Stutesman
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Time for Young Disciples	Colin, Linsey, Elliott, Lucy Monaghan
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Scripture Reading	Luke 7:1-17
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Sermon	"The Force is Strong in This One"	Pastor Matt
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Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"	#205 v. 1-4
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Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

“Know That God Is Good”

#955

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good. God is Good. God is Good.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Communion - Invitation

Great 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.

Communion Hymn

“This Is the Feast of Victory”

#845

Prayers of the People

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn	"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	#206
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Benediction

Postlude	<i>Andante</i>	Alcock
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Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Paul Stutesman

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan
Dick Chambers, Randy Schuchardt

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