



**PRELUDE**

Three Settings on "This Joyful Eastertide" K. Kolander

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Many and Great Native American Melody; LACQUIPARLE

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#292 Because You Live, O Christ VRUECHTEN

**\*INVOCATION AND 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God,  
We come again with our burdens,  
bundles and words of confession.  
We look at our world of affluence, desire,  
prestige - - filled with an array of idols.  
We are tempted by their shimmering  
and our reliance on them to make us  
look good and feel good.  
Your world is full of so many gifts  
yet we attach ourselves to the gift  
rather than abiding with the giver.

We are familiar with loss, illness and death.  
We see the images of war in Ukraine and Russia  
and we struggle to take heart and action.  
We long to bring peace  
yet our faith is small and we are full of doubt.

Living Christ  
help us to flee from our idols and to trust in you;  
believing that you dwell in us and live with us.  
Forgive us, O God.

Be the lifter of our heads  
so that we might see your mercy and power  
at work in the world in these days.  
We give you thanks.  
Lord, hear our prayers.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**FIRST READING**

John 1:14-18 Page 94, second half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**ANTHEM**

Unseen Blessings P. Martin/M. Hayes

**LITANY** (adapted from Revelation 21:1-5)

One: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth pass away.

**Many: I am making everything new!**

One: I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem  
coming out of heaven prepared as a bride  
beautifully dressed for her husband.

**Many: I am making everything new!**

One: Then a loud voice said, "The dwelling of God is with  
people and God will live with them."

**Many: I am making everything new!**

One: And God will wipe every tear from their eyes  
and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

**All: For the old has passed away  
and God is making everything new!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#657 He Has Made Me Glad L. Von Brethorst

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**

Bring Many Names (see insert) WESTCHASE

**SECOND READING**

Acts 17:16-31 Pages 143/144 second half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Many and Great arr. T. Keesecker

**\*Doxology**

**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.**

**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#298 The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*Choral Benediction**

May God Who Creates You C. Dyck

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

**POSTLUDE**

The Strife Is O'er arr. K. Helman

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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