

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

April 16, 2023 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

arr. M. Corl

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

EASTER INTROIT

Christ Is Arisen

arr. C. Dyck

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#310 Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*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

Sometimes we submerge ourselves in feeling badly about who we are or what we have done to ourselves or others. Other times we are so proud of ourselves that no one else seems important - even You. We lose hope and are overcome by our own blinders. We need your selfless example of how to live well so that our perspective on life reflects your love and vision for us.

Forgive us for focusing so much on ourselves and our limited view of the world that we lose sight of you and your love. We deceive ourselves thinking that our ways are better than yours. We are skeptical that our prayers are heard by you. Help us to renew our vision and build our lives on the foundation of your love.

Forgive us our doubts and lead us toward the Christ-filled hope that reflects your grace and mercy to us.

(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

1 Peter 1:3-9

Page 250, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Anthem

Easter Carol

J. Leavitt

RESPONSIVE READING (based on Psalm 16)

One: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.'

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Many: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

One: I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Many: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

All: You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy: in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#291 Alleluia No. 1

D. Fishel

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#313 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! O FILII ET FILIAE

SECOND READING

John 20:19-31 Page 119-120, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! arr. N. Palmer

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing! Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#299 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright **PUER NOBIS**

*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

Alleluia

W. Boyce

M. Adria

*The Sending of the Community *Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. A. Travis

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Rev. Ken Bellous; Prayers of the People - Liz Grinevitch; Scripture Readers - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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