

The Worship of God

3rd Sunday in Easter • April 26, 2020

PRELUDE *Christ Journeys with Us On the Road* LAST RUNS ERFREUEN
Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

[The large paschal (or Easter) candle represents the light of Christ. It is used throughout the Season of Easter—from the Great Vigil of Easter to the Day of Pentecost—and at baptisms and funerals.]

INTROIT *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP Steve & Beth Spoon

*(All speak parts **boldfaced**)*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Risen Christ meets us again and again; opening our eyes and expanding our minds. Let us worship God.

HYMN *Christ Journeys with Us On the Road* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Molly Frederick, soprano

***Christ journeys with us on the road,
and helps to bear our heavy load. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We call to mind the words he said,
that he would rise up from the dead.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Your words are burning in our heart.

O risen Lord, do not depart. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come journey with us day by day.

You are the life, the truth, the way.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Loving God, in a doubting world, keep us alive in our faith that Jesus is our Messiah, Your son, and our Messiah.

That we may have life in his name.

Encouraging God, in a world that is bound up by fear, fill us again with your Spirit of love.

For courage comes from the heart.

We bear witness to our faith, knowing that we are called to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day. We bear witness, too, to our failures, and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today.

In the name of the one who forgives, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen

And in the name of the one who was and is courage, grace and mercy made flesh: we are forgiven.

Today and always. Alleluia! Amen.

Adapted from Prayers by Padraig O Tuama and B David Hostetter

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Gail Thomas, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-25

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Road Goes On"

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

Steve Spoon, tenor

***When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!***

***While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.***

***Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

TEXT: John H. Sammis P.D. MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner P.D.

INVITATION TO GIVE

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Offertory

Together We Serve

Daniel Charles Damon

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet. Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER *(inspired by Psalm 116)*

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MRURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing: he reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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