

EASTERTIDE

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 23, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Noël nouvelet*

Michael Bedford

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come people of God, worship and celebrate in this joyous season as we proclaim the mystery of God.

Open our eyes to see the risen Lord in our midst.

Let us pray for our needs and the needs of the world with confidence in God's victory in Christ.

Open our minds to the possibility of the victory of the resurrection today.

Let us not be shy in sharing what we have come to know as true, God's love continues to change lives and the world.

Open our mouths to share the potential of a future that rests in God's promises and hope.

ALL: Let us with enthusiasm worship our God.

***HYMN #247:** *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (*New Testament pages 119-120*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL #840: Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-17

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23 (*New Testament page 232*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:13-35 (*New Testament page 90*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #336:** *Open Your Hearts*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #467:** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

*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.

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #244:** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Miles Lane*

Paul Leddington Wright

*Join us after the service for our Prayer Partner Brunch,
downstairs in Fellowship Hall.*

Welcome!

GREETERS: Tom and Linda Morris

READERS: Tom and Linda Morris

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deeann Puffert

USHER: Sandy Larsen

COFFEE SERVERS: *[Prayer Partner Brunch]*

ACOLYTES: Catelyn and Jonah

LIVESTREAM: Phia



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