

***Doxology** Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Depart to Serve the Lord

***Hymn** "Go to the World!" Hymn No. 295

***Benediction**

Choral Response "Christ Has Arisen, Hallelujah!" Trad. Tanzanian

*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!
Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living!
Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King!*

Organ Postlude "Christ Is Arisen!" John Behnke

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Music Ministry: Chancel Choir; Tom Lowery, Choir Director;
Travis Evans, Music Associate
Ushers: David Kistler, Marilyn Kistler, Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell,
Sheryl Steele, Jay Wulff, Missy Wulff
Dave and Cindy Grone, Usher Captains

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018

11:00 A.M.

*The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.*

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude "A Joyful Alleluia" Franklin Ashdown

We Address Ourselves to God

***Call to Worship** Inspired by Psalm 4

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
People: You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
Leader: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
People: Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when we call to him.
Leader: When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds and be silent.
People: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!
You have put gladness in our hearts
more than when our grain and wine abound.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn** "Christ is Alive!" Hymn No. 246

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*The people joining*)

God of peace and wholeness, you long for us to live in the assurance of your blessings. You long for us to trust in your goodness working in and through our lives to make the world a better place. Forgive us our sin. Forgive us all the ways we divert your goodness, for all the ways we diminish the peace and wholeness you offer to us and all people. Continue to speak to us. Continue to show up in our places of fear. Continue to invite us to trust and believe in the good news of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response to Confession** *"We Are Forgiven"* Hymn No. 447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with the Children

We Hear God's Word

First Reading 1 John 3:1-17 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 240

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *"Cantate Domino"* Giovanni Croce

*O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and praise His name. Proclaim His honor and glory at all times, tell of His salvation.*

Second Reading Luke 24:36-48 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 91

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Wholeness Be Yours"* Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn** *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Hymn No. 630

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Collier Eschen
Son of Paul and Melanie Eschen
Assisting Elder: Brad Gift

The Congregation responds:

Collier, we joyfully welcome you into the family of faith. Trusting in the gracious love of God offered in Jesus Christ, we promise to nurture, encourage, and support your journey of faith from this day forward. Remembering our own baptisms, we give thanks to God for the gift of being called together, united by the Holy Spirit, in order to be the body of Christ, now and forever.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Anthem *"Day of Arising"* text: Susan P. Cherwien
music: Carl Schalk and David Cherwien

*Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, every awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.
Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
When the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and in wine.
Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.*