

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

Welcome to All

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ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Spending Time Together

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Terry Byars

Words of Grace and Wisdom

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

In the Bible, the early church was described in this way:

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."

(Acts 2: 46-47a)

Centering Our Hearts as One

*I invite you to place your hand on your heart.
Feel your breath and the beat of your heart as we pray.*

Hear this assurance from God:

(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

**Be still, O heart, you're not alone,
your beat is shared with me.
Come now, and calm, and center here,
you're mine, secure and free.**

Let us pick up our heart stone, sometimes called a "worry stone," and let our touch on its surface remind us that God's touch is within us, between us, and around us.

We offer a prayer song of letting go.
Sing along, if you're comfortable:

(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

**Into your care, we offer now,
our worries, fears and strife.
We turn to you and know you're near-
Your light, our love and life.**

*Let's light our candles now
and set our heart worry stones next to it.*

Call to Worship

We know Jesus is present among us... [repeat]
even in this very home... [repeat]
We will not let fear be louder than love... [repeat]
but with glad hearts and rejoicing souls... [repeat]
we will sing God's praise... [repeat]
for we are Easter People...! [repeat]
Alleluia! Amen. [repeat]

Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Alive

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Breaking Open the Word

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:13-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Welcome

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

based on Psalm 19:14

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my
strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

The Message

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

"Straight From the Heart"

Breaking Open our Hearts and Lives

Special Music

The Gift of Love

The Lord's Prayer*Praising God!***Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God***His Eye Is On the Sparrow**We appreciate your generosity.**Every gift given is helping St. John's make a difference
as we live out our mission and vision.**You may give online here: <http://bit.ly/stjohnsgive>***Doxology***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!****Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***Practicing Goodwill***Faith in Action***From children to octogenarians this is a time for everyone to
put their faith into action.**This week we invite you to collect non-perishable food and
household items for The Shepherd's Market.**Items can be dropped off Sunday May 3, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.***Invitation to Christian Discipleship****Hymn of Faith***Open My Eyes, That I May See***Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.****Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.****Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!****Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.****Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.****Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!****Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.****Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.****Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

As we close this time together, remember:

God is always with you.

No matter what you face,

no matter what trials or hardships

come your way,

God is right beside you, offering love

straight from the heart,

guiding and directing your path.

So, acknowledge your fear and your worry

and know it is as true and holy as any feeling,

including joy and hope and love.

Take heart! This is the heart of the matter.

Amen.

Postlude*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**Thank you for worshipping with us!**Today's worship stewards are:**Carrie Poynt, Terry Byars,**Barbara Benton, Lynn and Natalie Cooper,**Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Carrie, Andre', and Ana de la**Fuente, Darlene and Devon Dickson,**Zach, Kristine, and Walter Isenhower, Paul Ivey, John Toney,**Mari Walker, and our pastors.**Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from**www.worshipdesignstudio.com/series by Dr. Marcia McFee.**Our CCLI streaming license is 20233858.*