

PRELUDE *My Redeemer Liveth*, Johann Cruger (1598-1662)
Praise God, the Lord, arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The Peace of Christ be with you.... **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Siblings in Christ, if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning, come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, beloved of God

To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14*

HYMN NCH 253 *Yours Is the Glory*

SERMON *Acts 9:1-20*

MUSICAL REFLECTION PH 404 *Take My Life and Let It Be* Shane Estes, Vocalist

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Ross Haenfler, Laird Keever, Gene McCaw, and Gayle Strickler.

We pray for comfort and peace for Orlan Mitchell and family. Verlene passed away on April 10th.

LORD'S PRAYER (Inclusive Version)

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Confession

God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.

**Our greed and our lust for power
create enemies where we should find friends.**

We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.

**We are as unseeing and willful as Saul
to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings
and our well-meaning crusades.**

Forgive us, merciful One.

Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime.

The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ,
just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel.

Thanks be to God!

Blessing of the Elements

We give you thanks, gracious God, that on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Sojourners on the Way of Jesus Christ, take this bread and eat, it is nourishment for the pilgrim journey ahead.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This is the cup of the new covenant, my life poured out for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Partners in the ministry of Jesus Christ, take this cup and drink, it is the grace of God poured to overflowing for us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another; and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN NCH 172 *Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult*

BENEDICTION

May God,
who comes to us in the things of this world,
bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ,
who looks upon you with deepest love,
bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit,
who perceives what is and what may yet be,
bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three
bless your eyes and cause you to see. Amen.

POSTLUDE *God Gave to Us this Glorious Day*, Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Worship Resources

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Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022
To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

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