

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

CONFESSING TO GOD

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-10

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*All may stand as able

Liturgist: Lynda McLean

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lynda McLean

Prelude

Aria

J. S. Bach

from the Orchestral Suite no. 3, BWV 1068

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather once more to celebrate the Resurrection.

People: **In Christ, God has given us new life and a living hope.**

Leader: Death has no power over us.

People: **We praise God for the wonderful things He has done.**

Leader: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.

People: **The Holy Spirit dwells within us and goes before us.**

Leader: Our God is loving and true, steadfast and faithful.

People: **How blessed we are to be called children of God.**

All: **Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

* INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Amazing God, we your Easter people have gathered to praise you. Continue to make your ways known to us as you did in days of old. Enrich our worship. Come to us through your Word and by your Spirit. Give us hearts and minds that are receptive to your Presence. Teach us what we need to know. Set our hearts on fire. Then inspire us with hope and joy as we respond to embrace the task you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another and for all who cross our paths. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children may choose to go to Junior Church
after Children's Sermon*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: When confronted by life's trials, it is easy to forget that we are an Easter people. The circumstances of life often leave us shaken and coming up empty. Therefore, we confess all that keeps us from embracing our resurrection faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that often we have not welcomed the Light, or trusted Good News to be good.

Often, we have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ our Lord. ... (Silent Confession) ...

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Call on God's name. Give thanks for His steadfast love and mercy.

People: **The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.**

All: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE: Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lynda McLean

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30:1-5, 11, 12

ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World

Frank Sheppard
arr. Stan Pethel

SERMON

"Falling Forward"

Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Leader: We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,

All: **Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Leader: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

All: **God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.**

Leader: Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

All: **Through him all things were made.**

Leader: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

All: **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

Leader: On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

All: **he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: **the Lord, the giver of life,**

Leader: who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All: **With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

Leader: He has spoken through the prophets.

All: **We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

Leader: We acknowledge one baptism of the forgiveness of sins.

All: **We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

