

Full Service Bulletin

MISSION SERVICE

APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GIDEONS SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:

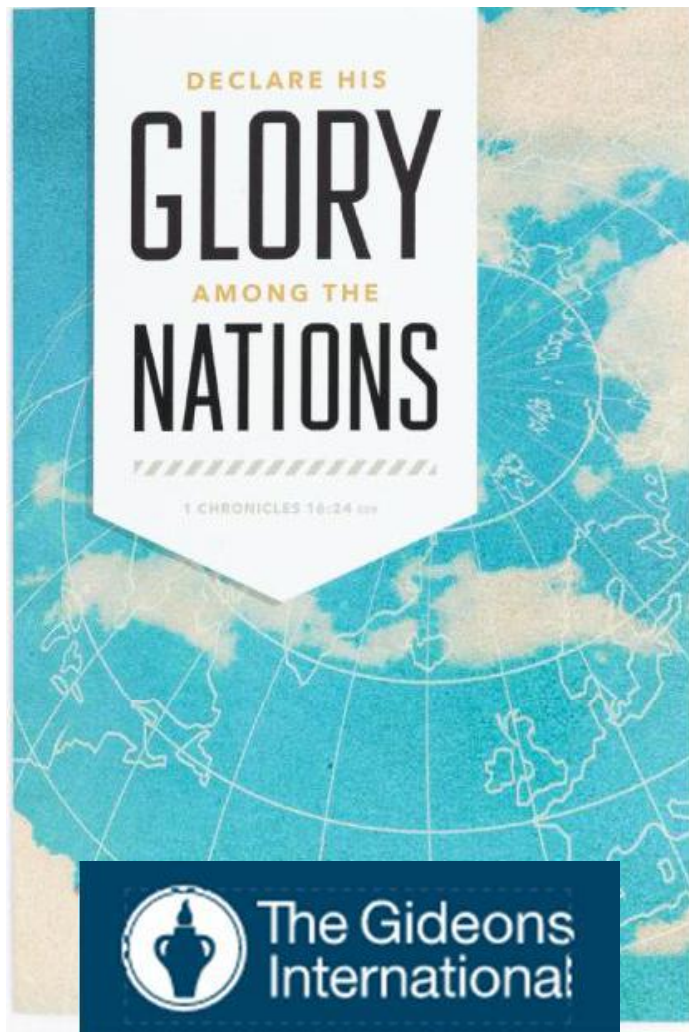
God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

The church gathers in the power of the risen Lord. Here in this assembly made holy by its consecration in baptism, Christ opens the scriptures and reveals Himself to us. Christ feeds us with His love and abundant mercy.



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Christ Arose" (Maj # 256 - favorite - Robert Lowry)

1 Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
2 Vain - ly they watched His bed, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
3 Death could not keep his prey, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

1 com - ing day, Je - sus, my Lord!
2 sealed the dead, Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose,
3 bars a - way, Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,

With a might - y triumph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign; He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

INVOCATION (*= All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who calls us beloved children, Who gathers us into one flock, Who guides us into all truth.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we claim to be to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sins, for God is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Faithful and just God, **C: we confess our sin. We are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of darkness that lead to death. We confess our failure to live fully the good news of the resurrection. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as You have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let Your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, and know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. AMEN.**

P: This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

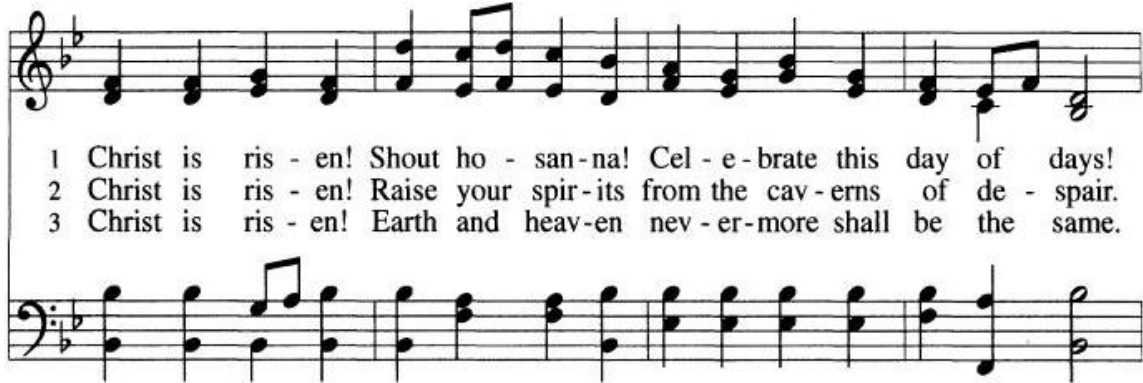
WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

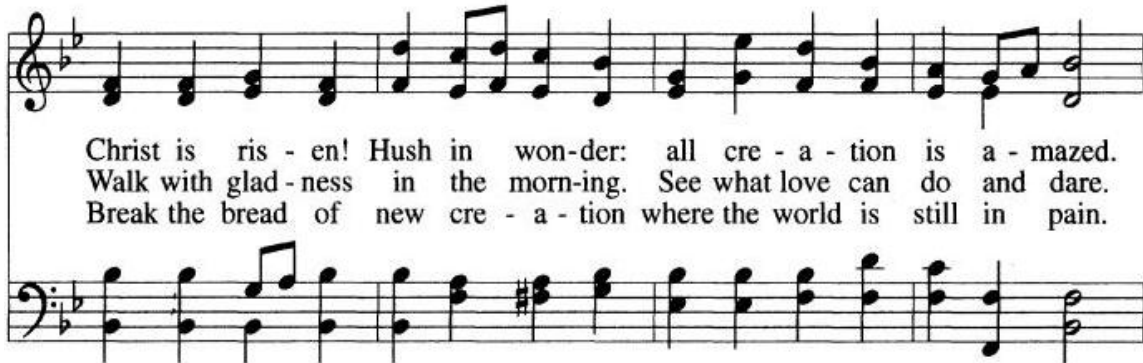
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

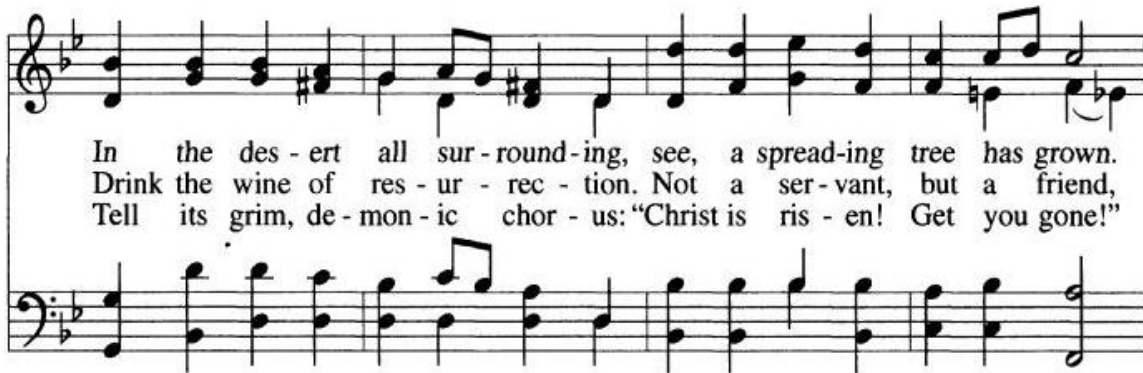
(RW # 148 - Text: Brian Wren; Tune: John Zundel)



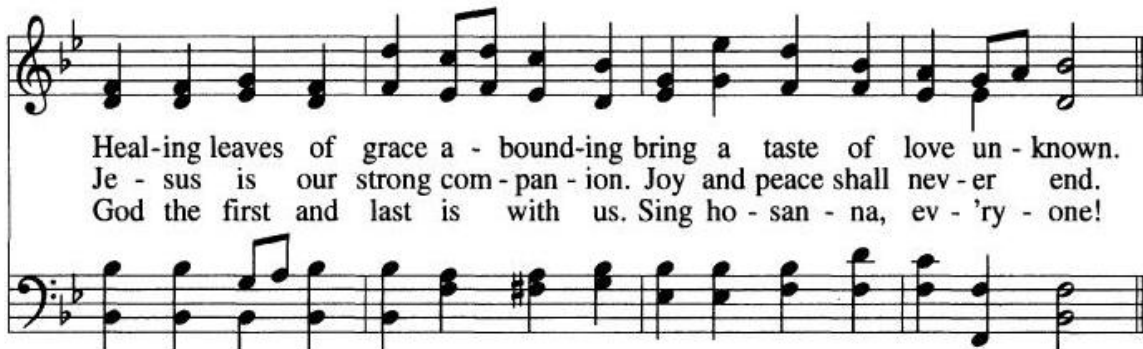
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san-na! Cel - e-brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won-der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion. Not a ser - vant, but a friend,
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the first and last is with us. Sing ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: Holy and righteous God, You are the author of life, and You adopt us to be Your children. Fill us with Your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God , now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 105: 6-15

(congregation reads indented)

- ⁶ O descendants of Abraham His servant,
 O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones.
- ⁷ He is the LORD our God;
 His judgments are in all the earth.
- ⁸ He remembers His covenant forever,
 the word He commanded, for a thousand generations,
- ⁹ the covenant He made with Abraham,
 the oath He swore to Isaac.
- ¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,
 to Israel as an everlasting covenant:
- ¹¹ “To you I will give the land of Canaan
 as the portion you will inherit.”
- ¹² When they were but few in number,
 few indeed, and strangers in it,
- ¹³ they wandered from nation to nation,
 from one kingdom to another.
- ¹⁴ He allowed no one to oppress them;
 for their sake He rebuked kings:
- ¹⁵ “Do not touch My anointed ones;
 do My prophets no harm.”

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“He Touched Me” (Maj # 632 - favorite - William J. Gaither)

1 Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, 'Neath a load of
 2 Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, Since He cleansed and

1 guilt and shame— Then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
 2 made me whole, I will nev - er cease to praise Him—

1 And now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O He
 2 I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, And O the joy that floods my soul; Some-thing

hap-pened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGActs 7:1-8.....Pew Bible p. 1701

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGGalatians 4:21-31.....p. 1841

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“We Will Glorify” verses 1-2 (Maj # 216 - favorite)

1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne;
3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
we will wor - ship him in righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: WE WILL GLORIFY. Twila Paris, b. 1958; arr. David Allen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 8:42-59.....p. 1663

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verses 3-4*

(Young children go to Children's Church)

(Please sit. See the sermon notes box in the Announcements insert.)

SERMON Brother Robert Pawling

“The Tale of Two Brothers and Two Different Mothers”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“The God of Abraham Praise” (LBW # 544 verses 1-4,7,10)

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su-preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all-suf-fi-cient grace
4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de-pend.

An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love.
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;
I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him-self my God!
I shall be-hold his face; I shall his pow'r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
and him my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And he shall save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
and sing the won-ders of his grace for-ev-er-more.

7 There dwells the Lord our king,
the Lord our righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
forever reigns.

10 Before the Savior's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
forever new.
He shows his wounds of love;
they kindle to a flame!
And sound through all the worlds above
the Paschal Lamb.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments:*

L: What is The Ninth Commandment

C: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house." (Exodus 20:17a)

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not attempt to trick our neighbor out of his inheritance or house, take it by pretending to have a right to it, etc. but help him to keep & improve it.

L: What is The Tenth Commandment

C: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (Exodus 20:17b)

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not release our neighbor's cattle, take his employees from him or seduce his wife, but urge them to stay and do what they ought to do.

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT The Gideons International

SPECIAL OFFERING *(Please sit.)*

In addition to regular Holy Cross offerings we are receiving a special offering for The Gideons. Offerings designated for The Gideons as well as cash offerings, will support their ministry. Thank You!

OFFERTORY *(Please rise.)* "Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Him all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, Ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Father, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be His witnesses.

C: AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: God the Holy Spirit, Who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C:

Danish

A- men, A- men, A- . . . men.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"He Lives" (Maj # 264 - favorite - Alfred H. Ackley)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE SPONSORED BY:

Holy Cross to the glory of God



1. I serve a ris - en Sav-iour, He's in the world to - day; I know that He is
 2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov - ing care, And tho' my heart grows
 3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing E - ter - nal hal - le -



liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say; I see His hand of mer - cy, I
 wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair; I know that He is lead - ing thro'
 lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the



hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.
 all the storm - y blast, The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 Help of all who find, None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.



REFRAIN



He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and
 He lives, He lives,



talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal -
 He lives, He lives,



va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.



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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker, VOL NEED

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS CUTTERS: Gary Moser, Jim Steiner

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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