



Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

- Luke 24:36b

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 4:6-8*

Leader: Let the light of your face shine on us, O God.

People: You have put gladness in our hearts.

Leader: You make possible a peaceful rest.

People: Thanks to you, we can lie down and sleep in safety.

HYMN #596

*"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"* vs 1 & 3

Charles Dickerson

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee,  
By thy teachings sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.**

**Glorious Lord, thyself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding,  
Open thou our ears and heart; help us by thy spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry thy people raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, we have welcomed the presence of Christ Jesus into the world,  
and yet his death leaves us confused. We have received the gift of scripture, and still  
we lack understanding. We have been nourished by your ample provision for our  
needs, and even so we are stymied by suffering. We turn once more to you, seeking  
consolation, clarity, and forgiveness. Thank you for being ready to  
embrace us. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jan Johnson

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#307

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

April Herron

ANTHEM

Soprano Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

Charles Dickerson

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

SCRIPTURE

- Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus brings peace and purpose

Jan Johnson

SERMON

*"Still Wondering"*

April Herron

HYMN #89

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* vs 1 & 4

Charles Dickerson

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

*"Quiet Faith of Man"*

3rd service ensemble

This week we celebrate the baptism of Alice Elizabeth Voss, daughter of Paige and Timothy Voss, and great granddaughter of church member Patty Kaupp. Alice's brother Timothy was baptized here in 2019 and continues to learn and grow at our preschool. We rejoice with their family and friends as we give thanks for God's grace on this special day.

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble:

*Paula Kuno* – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals  
*Michael Starr* – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals  
*Cory Tramontelli* – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director  
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse  
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director  
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director  
Rev. Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor  
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director  
Althea Waites, Organist  
Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music  
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer  
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.  
Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor  
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.  
Miguel Portillo, Custodian