

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15, 2018
“GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC..... “He Is With Us”

**Remember when
Your hope is lost and faith is shaken
Remember when
You wonder if you're gonna make it
There's a hand stretched out
Through your deepest doubt**

**We can't pretend
To see the ending or what's coming up ahead
Don't know the story of tomorrow
But we can stay close
To the One who knows**

**We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always**

**We believe
There is purpose, there is meaning
In everything
We surrender to His leading
He wants nothing more
Than to have us close**

**We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined**

It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always

Our faith is sealed
Our hope is real
Come what may
We're not afraid

Our faith is sealed
Our hope is real
Come what may
We're not afraid, We're not afraid

We can trust our God, always, always
We can trust our God, always, always

We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
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He is with us, He is with us, always
Our God is with us

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"How Can It Be"

I am guilty
Ashamed of what I've done what I've become
These hands are dirty
I dare not lift them up
To the Holy One

You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome - 9 -

**You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free
How can it be, How can it be**

**I've been hiding
Afraid I've let You down
Inside I doubt
That You could love me
But in Your eyes
There's only grace now**

**You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free
How can it be, How can it be**

**Though I fall You can make me new
From this death I will rise with You
Oh the grace reaching out for me
How can it be, How can it be**

**You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free**

**You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free
How can it be, How can it be**

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WORSHIP THEME: “Good News for ALL People” Luke 24:36-49

Most of us have the news at our fingertips now with cell phones tucked in our pockets and purses. Also, you can be watching a TV program, and breaking news will interrupt your favorite show in an instant if it is real BIG news. We even have a new term that is referred to often— “fake news”—that news which may or may not be true. You don’t have to wait for the newspaper or even turn on the TV. We can learn what is happening in the world in a few seconds. Some news is for some people, depending on what it is. Today’s Gospel reminds us that there is Good News for ALL people that transcends geographical, racial, ethnic, gendered, and socio-economic boundaries. It is not fake news and it is not sad or bad news. It is the greatest and most important news one can ever hear. The Good News of Jesus Christ and His saving power is to be proclaimed to all nations. We are God’s messengers and we are to share it with conviction and joy.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG “The Lion And The Lamb”

**He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty**

**Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him**

**Our God is the Lamb, The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

**So open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings
Our God Who comes to save, Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty**

**Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him**

**Our God is the Lamb, The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

**Who can stop the Lord Almighty, Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)**

**Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him**

**Our God is the Lamb, The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: We have joined together today as one people in Christ to worship our mighty God who has given to us everything necessary for salvation. This message of saving grace is for everyone!

People: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God of all people, in the midst of a broken world, You orchestrated the events of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection so that the all the world would have access to justification and the gift of eternal life. This is such wonderful news and it cannot be kept to ourselves. All people, without distinction, have been given hope in Jesus Christ. This relationship with Christ provides a common hope and promise that draws us together and unites us as one. As we worship through word, song, prayer, and fellowship, may the Holy Spirit unite us and inspire us.

People: In Christ, our risen Lord, Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

People: Gracious God of Hope, at times, we create barriers between us and others. Fear and judgment creates a wedge between us and others simply because they are different. This can find people hurt, lonely, and broken. We need to break down the walls that separate one another and we know that peace and harmony comes through Jesus Christ.

We confess that we do not always accept others without prejudice. God has created all people with unique gifts, appearances, and abilities. We confess that we often fear that which is different from our own background. We confess that when our own comfort zones are invaded, our sin gets in the way and causes destruction and hurt.

Lord of love, forgive us and renew our commitment to You—that we may be one—united in belief, love, and service with other believers in Your name. Give us the strength and power to change areas of our lives that are barriers to unity with others in the body of Christ – the Church.

Pastor: Know that your sins are wiped out and removed through the blood of Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God who restores us and renews us daily.

People: Amen!

+ We Hear God's Word +

Acts 3:11-21(ESV)(page 4 in bulletin)..... (on page 1695 in NIV pew Bible)

1 John 3:1-7(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1900 in NIV pew Bible)

Luke 24:36-49(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1644 in NIV pew Bible)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

SERMON SONG“O Church Arise (Arise Shine”

**O Church arise and put Your armour on, Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong, In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of Truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love, Reaching out to those in darkness**

**Our call to war to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations**

**Arise shine for your Light has come, Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride, Arise O Church arise**

**Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues 'til the day, Every eye and heart shall see Him**

**So Spirit come put strength in every stride, Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize, Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day, When with Christ we stand in Glory**

**Arise shine for your Light has come, Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride, Arise O Church arise**

**Arise shine for your Light has come, Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride, Arise O Church arise**

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MESSAGE..... "Touch ME and See".....Luke 24:36-49 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

**OFFERING SONG..... "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"
'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise, And to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"**

REFRAIN:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!**

*"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" written by Louisa M. R. Stead; Mark Hall; William James Kirkpatrick
My Refuge Music, Club Zoo Music, SWECS Music*

+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

**Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord knowing you are one in Christ – blessed by
God and empowered by the Holy Spirit!**

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "Today Is The Day"

**I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.**

**I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.**

**I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live for You.)
And I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live.)**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.**

**Today is the day.
Today is the day.
Today is the day.
Today is the day.
Today is the day.**

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We Exit to Serve!

If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with one of the Pastors after the service.