

Rev. Lance Marshall  
John 20:19-31

11:00 am  
April 8, 2018

## WE GATHER

Prelude — Trumpet Tune  
Wilbur Held, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship — Are You Walking and Talking for the LORD?  
Hank Williams, composer

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 30:11-12)

You have changed our sadness into joy,  
You have taken away our clothes of mourning,  
and clothed us with joy!  
**So we will not stand silent,  
but will offer our hymns and songs of praise!**  
You, O God, are our God;  
**we will give You thanks and praise!**

\*Hymn 318 — Christ is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
He comes to claim the here and now  
And dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
Our Savior in the **God-head** reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,  
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
He suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and all creation ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Word of the Day:  
Believe

Memory Verse:  
Happy are those  
who don't see  
and yet believe.  
— John 20:29b

The "Godhead" is  
another way of  
saying the Holy  
Trinity — God the  
Creator, God the  
Son (Jesus), and  
God the Holy Spirit.

# \*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,



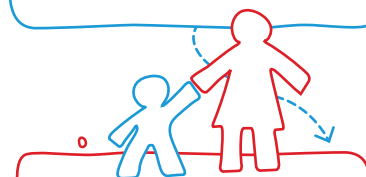
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



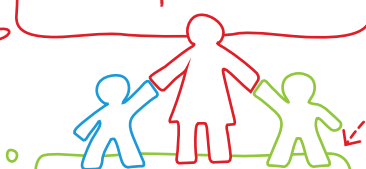
who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the church.



To celebrate God's presence.



To love and serve others.

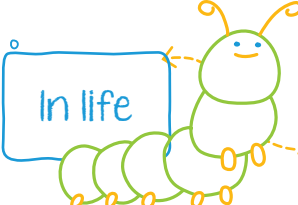


To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.



In life



In death



In life beyond death



God is with us. We are not alone.



Thanks be to God.

Amen.

## \*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.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

## WE PROCLAIM

### Sacrament of Baptism

Harper Grace Richardson, daughter of Elise and Ross Richardson

Baptismal Hymn 191 verse 1 — Jesus Loves Me

### Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that **Harper Grace**, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Special Music — In the Love that From His Grave Arose

C. David Grant, Composer

Scripture — John 20:19-31

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn — When Thomas Heard from Jesus

sung to "The Church's One Foundation"

When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me," He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see. He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch; He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say, "We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?" He wanted understanding of what he could not see. Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry, Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die." He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread; Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord! Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word. When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone; He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea; At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe. O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day; Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

Baptism: When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.



Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



Draw a map of the sermon.

Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

Along the way, draw important images

OR WORDS you hear.



Look around.  
What is something you see that helps you know God's love is real?



Did you just hear a word or phrase you don't understand? Write it down and ask your parents about it, or look it up when you get home.

Write a  
"Thank You"  
Note to God.

Imagine you are the one giving the sermon. What would you tell everyone?

# WE RESPOND

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the 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.

Many years  
after Jesus went  
to heaven, the  
early church  
added this part  
of the prayer.  
Hold the prayer  
cross close to  
your heart as  
you say this part.

### A Time of Giving

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the envelope in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

### Offertory — All Creatures of Our God and King

Mark Hayes, arranger

### \*Doxology

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

### \*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### \*Hymn 310 — He Lives

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

(Refrain) — He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

#### Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

#### Refrain

### \*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

**We will go out to be God's people in the world.**

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

### Congregational Closing — Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,  
With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

### \*Postlude — The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Victor C. Johnson, arranger

The red carnations symbolize our congratulations to Emily and Tim McDermott on the birth of their daughter, Maeve Louise McDermott; congratulations to Katie and Alex Segreti, on the birth of their son, Milo Anthony Segreti; and congratulations to Tara and Cully Wood on the birth of their son, Weston Cole Woods.

#### Worship Leaders:

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Associate Pastor  
Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

**Liturgists:** Rev. Linda McDermott, Mr. Roy Eaton

**Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark, Davis Wagner, helper

**Choir:** Choral Union, Crossroad Singers

**Acolytes:** Katherine Johnson

**Procession:** Charlotte Gibbs

\*Please stand as you are able.

How are you going  
to be one of God's  
people in the world  
this week?

# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel. Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

