

# Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019 10:15 AM

\*Please rise as able

## -- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

by Webber

### “Chorale”

The Light of God Enters

Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, if you lift your net and it is empty,  
Come here!

**People: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,  
Come here!

**People: We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.**

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning, Come, here!

**People: Christ is leading a dance of joy.**

Leader: Come here, sisters and brothers!

**People: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 804

### “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, Saul did not recognize the presence of the Holy One in the followers of the Risen Christ until your Light struck him sightless, helpless, and at last able to hear your voice! In our day, too-narrow vision stops us from recognizing your presence in all of Creation.

**People: We fail to see that our lives are bound together with each other and with the earth.**

Leader: The disciples could not succeed in fishing until the Risen Christ showed them how to cast their nets into your abundance. In our day, we too-often treat this world with arrogant self-righteousness, as though it is our exclusive domain.

**People: We fail to remember that we are stewards, not owners of your Creation. Forgive us. Teach us again that you have given us the task of caring for all in your world. Lead us to tend the gift of your creation that we may feed the whole world community today and our children tomorrow. Hear our prayers:**

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love for us is ever sure and God's forgiveness is ever present.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Response Hymnal No. 518

### “Your Only Son”

verse 1

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

\*Passing of the Peace

## -- Receiving the Word --

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn Hymn No. 157

### “I Danced in the Morning”

Prayer for Understanding

Acts of the Church (page 127) Acts 9:1-20

Gospel Lesson (page 115) John 21:1-19

Reflection “The Way Forward”

Musical Offering arranged by Drennan

### “Burdens are Lifted at Calvary”

*Days are filled with sorrow and care, hearts are lonely and drear.*

*Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near.*

*Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Calvary, Calvary;*

*Burdens are lifted at Calvary; Jesus is very near*

*Cast your care on Jesus today; leave your worry and fear.*

*Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near.*

*Troubled soul the Savior can see ev'ry heartache and tear.*

*Burdens are lifted at Calvary; Jesus is very near.*

## -- Responding to the Word --

Nicene Creed Hymnal pg. 34

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offertory by Settle

### “Little Boy”

*When I was a little boy, my mother said to me,*

*"Watch the newborn roses grow, it's a pretty sight to see.*

*You, my son, shall blossom, as the flower below.*

*I will be your raindrops. You will be my rose.*

*Listen while I tell you of the beauty in the sky.*

*There's a place for angels on the clouds so high.  
 I must be an angel. In heaven I will stay.  
 If you ever need me, I'll hear each word you pray."  
 Now her raindrops fall no more. Who will take her place?  
 Will I live to blossom full, or wither into space?  
 Many times I wonder of the clouds above:  
 Is it my dear Mother who showers me with love?  
 When I was a little boy.*

\*Doxology

Hymnal No. 606

\*Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you. **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**  
 Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

*(Please hold the bread so that we may partake together;  
 drink of the cup as it is served to you.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God, once again nourished at your table, we rejoice in the persuasive power of your love. Supported by your abiding presence, grant us the courage to move forward toward loving one another and toward loving the world you love. This we ask in the name of Christ, who leads us in the dance of joy. Amen.**

\*Hymn

Hymnal No. 726

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

**“Lord, Your Summons Echoes True”**

\*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

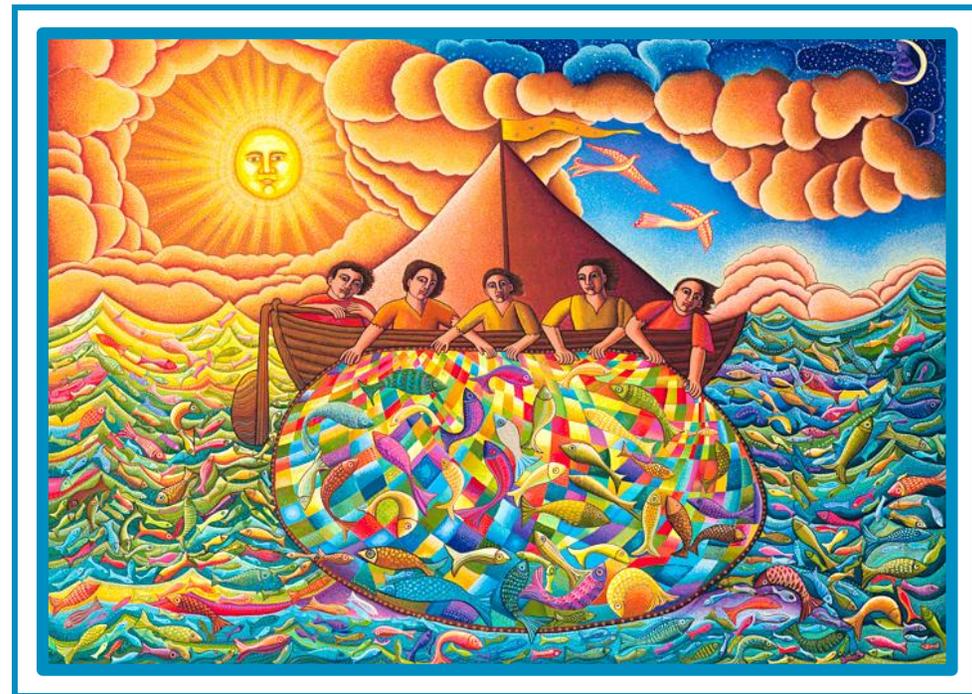
\*Postlude

by Sewell

**“The March of Faith”**

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Participants in today’s service: Michael Dugan (worship leader), Lynne Pabst (children’s sermon), Robin & Sandra Auker (Junior Deacons), Senior Choir (musical offering, benediction), Rich Tobin (offertory), Dave Sanders and Kim Stamm (Deacons), Maribeth Vernon, Kandace Bergerstock, William Godfrey, Amanda Leicht, and Bryan Holmes (Communion Elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Next week’s reflection by Rev. Steve Cureton: *“Reaching New Heights.”*



**JESUS: “TRUST ME! JUST DO WHAT I SAY!”**

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