



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Easter

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP -

Leader: This is the good news—  
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #259

1 A hymn of glory let us sing;  
new hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with his followers see  
their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*PRAISE SONG Hymn 235

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: John Lange

Leader: This is the good news—  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other

**People: Hallelujah!**

*A Hymn of Glory let Us Sing*

3 O, Lord, our homeward pathway bend  
That our unwearied hearts ascend  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Where seated on your fathers throne, you reign  
as King of kings alone.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. o risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to  
you let earth accord  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father  
and Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Christ Arose*  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

3. Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Confession of Faith 11.3**

We believe that Christ, by his obedience and death, completely discharged the debt of all those who are so justified, and he made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to his Father's justice on their behalf. Since Christ was voluntarily given by the Father for them, and since his obedience and satisfaction were accepted in their place and not for anything in them, their justification is the result only of his free grace—so that both the perfect justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners. Amen.

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Karey Garrison

**ANTHEM**

*"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

Arthur S. Sullivan

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology-** 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.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE:**

Lamentations 3:13-26

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God*

**SERMON:**

*"Holy Lament"*

**SERIES: PATH OF THE PHOENIX**

*"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope. – Lamentations 3:21*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #247**

*The Day of Resurrection*

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

3 Heal your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**