



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP -based on Matthew 18:20

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

People: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

People: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

People: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

People: Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!

Leader: May his peace and presence be known to you.

People: And also to you.

Leader: Let us worship our Savior and Lord in fullness and in truth.

*OPENING HYMN #233

The Strife is O'er the Battle Done

1 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

Now is the victor's triumph won; now be the song or
praise begun. Alleluia!

4 He broke the age bound chains of hell;

the bars from heaven's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!
Final Ending: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head. Alleluia!

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -Westminster Confession of Faith 8.5

We believe that, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice, offered up to God once and for all through the eternal Spirit, the Lord Jesus has completely satisfied the justice of his Father and purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for everyone whom the Father has given to him. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Karey Garrison

ANTHEM

"My Hope is in the Lord"

Norman J. Clayton

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:

Daniel 9

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

SERMON:

"The End Is(n't) in Sight"

SERIES: PATH OF THE PHOENIX

"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place." — Daniel 9:24

*CLOSING HYMN #679

When We All Get to Heaven

1 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
sing his mercy and his grace;
in the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.
Refrain: When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
we'll sing and shout the victory.

2 While we walk the pilgrim pathway
clouds will overspread the sky,
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

3 Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of Him in glory
will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

4. Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty
we'll be on hold' soon the pearly gates will open,
we shall tread the streets of gold

***Benediction**

***Postlude**