



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP- based on Matthew 18:20

Liturgist: Michael Babcock

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.**

#### \*HYMN #108

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

1 *Come, Christians, join to sing*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*loud praise to Christ our King;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,*

*before his throne rejoice;*

*praise is his gracious choice.*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

2 *Come, lift your hearts on high,*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*let praises fill the sky;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*He is our guide and friend*

*To us he'll condescend:*

*his love shall never end.*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

3 *Praise yet our Christ again,*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*life shall not end the strain;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*On heaven's blissful shore,*

*his goodness we'll adore,*

*singing forevermore,*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*PRAISE SONG

*As It Is In Heaven*

1. *Our Father, who art in Heaven*

*Hallowed be thy name*

*Come and let Your glory*

*Come and let Your glory fall*

*Our Father, who art in Heaven*

*The rocks cry out Your fame*

*Come and let Your glory*

*Come and let Your glory fall*

*Refrain:*

*I will sing, sing a new song*

*I will sing, sing a new song*

*I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord*

*Let your kingdom come*

*Let your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven*

*Every heart proclaim*

*The mercy of Your name*

*On earth as it is in heaven*

*2. God give us new every morning*

*Mercy as daily bread*

*In the name of Jesus*

*In the name of Jesus we pray*

*And lead us, not to temptation*

*But deliver us with Your hand*

*In the name of Jesus*

*In the name of Jesus we pray (Refrain)*

*And the kingdom is yours*

*And the power is yours*

*And the glory forever Amen*

*Let your kingdom come*

*Let your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven*

*Every heart proclaim*

*The mercy of Your name*

*On earth as it is in heaven (Refrain)*

## **GUIDED PRAYER**

### **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –Westminster Confession of Faith 32.1**

**We believe that after death the bodies of human beings decompose and return to dust, but their souls, which do not die or sleep, have an immortal existence and immediately return to God who created them. The souls of the righteous are then perfected in holiness and are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory and wait for the full redemption of their bodies. The souls of the wicked are thrown into hell, where they remain in torment and complete darkness, set apart for the great Day of Judgment. Scripture recognizes only these two places, and no other, for souls separated from their bodies. Amen.**

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**Karey Garrison**

## **ANTHEM**

**I Danced In the Morning**

**John Rutler**

## **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:**

2 Kings 20: 1-11

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON:**

**"Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven"**

**Ars Moriendi: The Art of Dying Well**

*"Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order,  
for you shall die; you shall not recover.'" — 2 Kings 20:1*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #674**

*1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.*

*Refrain:*

*I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.*

*2 All o'er those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away. [Refrain]*

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

*3 No chilling winds or poisonous breath  
can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]*

*4 When I shall reach that happy place,  
I'll be forever blest,  
for I shall see my Father's face,  
and in his bosom rest. [Refrain]*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**