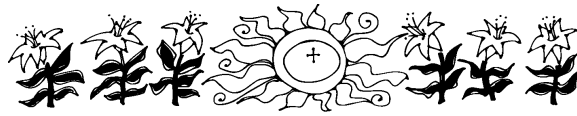


Faith United Methodist Church

April 18, 2021



Third Sunday Of Easter

GATHERING

“From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we’re telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself look shape before us.”

1 John 1:1-2

Welcome

Opening Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known by announcing peace and calling us to repent and forgive: break our lives open so are transformed through the mystery of resurrection; through the one who showed us the way, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav’n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev’ry trembling heart*

Prayer of Illumination

Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and **set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1 – 7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know

him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Christ. Amen.

Children's Time

Special Music

My Tribute

Witness

Mystery & Peace

Joys & Concerns

Prayer of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, as your children, draw us all closer to you in our daily life and work. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the bread and the wine as your body in the world help us work for justice, freedom, and peace in all that we do. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the light of the world, shine through us as we love and care for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the Good Shepherd, guide & protect all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; comfort the sick, the friendless, and the needy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the Door, so help your Church, all who proclaim the Gospel, our Bishop Scott, our Superintendent Romonica, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, for all who serve you to welcome your people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the Resurrection and the Life, so grant eternal life to those who have died and hope for all who grieve. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In silence we name our own needs and the needs of others... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your mercy is great so we gather all these prayers that have been spoken and those written on our hearts to you through the prayer, your son taught to us saying:

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.

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

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praising my Savior all the day long.***

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing Jesus grants us peace and sends out to forgive. May we live into this holy calling with those we encounter this week. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

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We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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