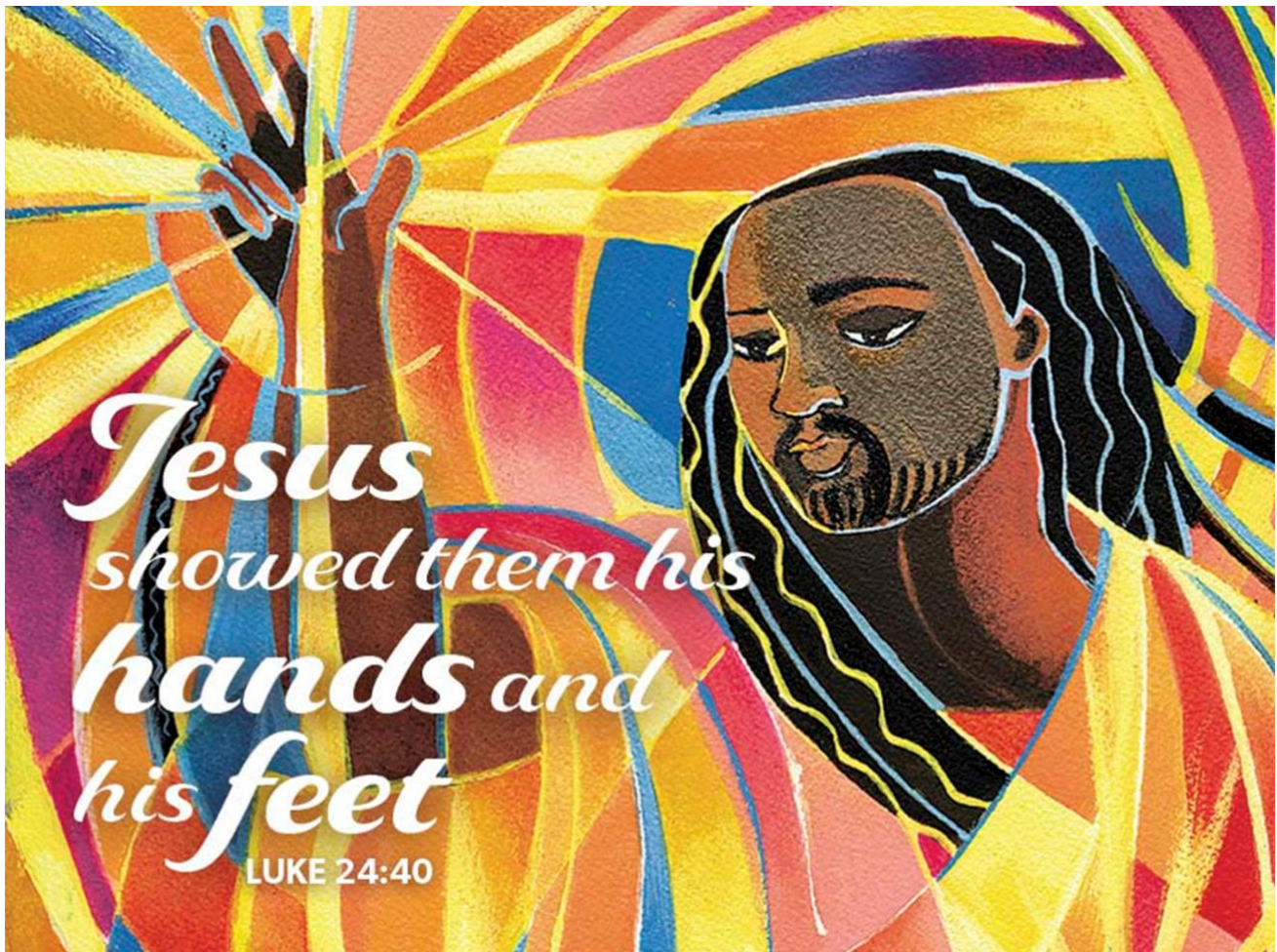


3rd Sunday of Easter

Praise Service



April 14, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

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+ Stand if you are able.

The Praise Team invites everyone to sing along

PRELUDE - Crowns Down- PRAISE TEAM ONLY

Enthroned in glory my Savior King
Your lovingkindness has welcomed me
Though I'm unworthy of majesty
You wrap the lowly in royalty

Chorus

I will lay my crowns down at Your feet
You are holy holy
I will give my life as an offering
You are worthy so worthy Lord

Here at Your altar to seek Your face
Broken and poured out without
restraint

In full abandon before my King
Here I surrender my everything

Bridge

Holy holy holy is the Lamb upon the
throne

We join with all of heaven in the
everlasting song

Ending

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy is the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, Indeed!

+ OPENING PRAISE SONG - Amazing Love

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Verse

Chorus

Ending

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Chorus

PSALM 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
⁷You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

PRAISE HYMN - Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone have pow'r to save
us.
Make us living voice.

Refrain

Many the gifts,
many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain

READING - Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

PRAISE HYMN - There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that
flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that
flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

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.

⁴Everyone 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.

OFFERING

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the beautiful world which you have made.

AMEN

+ GOSPEL READING - Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] 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.”

+ PRAISE SONG - Come and See

Verse 1

Come and see the glory of the Lord
Come behold the Lamb
Come and see the mercy of the King
Bowing down before Him

Verse 2

Come and give thanks unto the Lord
Come behold the Lamb
Come and sing the praises of the King
Bowing down before Him

Chorus

For He is Lord above the heavens
Lord in all the earth
Lord of all the angels
Worthy to be served
Alleluia
Alleluia Lord

Verse 1

Chorus

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

+ PRAISE SONG - Touch That Soothes and Heals

Praise Team, 1st Verse

1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:

Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."

2 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:

Christ will find a welcome there.

Refrain

3 Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased.

Refrain

4 Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal.

Refrain

+ CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS - Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ THE 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 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 and ever. **Amen.**

+ CLOSING PRAISE SONG - Covered By the Blood

Once in sin's darkest night I was
wand'ring alone
a stranger to mercy I stood.
But the Savior came nigh
when he heard my faint cry
and He put my sins under the blood.

Refrain

They are covered by the blood
They are covered by the blood
My sins are all covered by the blood
Mine iniquities so vast
Have been blotted out at last
My sins are all covered by the blood.

From the burden I carried
now I am set free
For Jesus has lifted my load
O the love and the grace
I received in its place
When he put my sins under the blood

I can ne'er understand why He sought
even me
Why His life blood on Calvary flowed
By sufficient for me
since he died on the tree
He hath put my sins under the blood

Refrain

Now he comes to my heart
and removes every care
He bears all my cumbering load
In a pathway replete
with His love are my feet
Since He put my sins under the blood

Refrain

+ BLESSING

Go in courage and peace, proclaiming the Risen Lord to all! Be those who bring hope and justice to a hungry and hurting world! The peace of the Lord is with you now and forever!

+ MOMENT OF SHARING

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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