

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 18, 2021

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah* G. F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, as we gather for worship, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility. Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the resurrected One. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

People: For we are your children.

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.

Leader: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

People: For in you we live and move and have our being.

Hymn Of Praise

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not loved as you love. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding. Amen.

The Children's Time

The Act of Offering

Offertory

How Beautiful
LPC Chancel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

***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

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

1 John 2:28-3:10

Sermon

Children of God

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response Of God's People

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

Hymn of Commitment

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

"Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,

joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Alice Jordan

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Lisa Wetzel to the glory of God and in memory of her father, John den Boer.

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