

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Melody Raef
WELCOME Barbara Lore
INTROIT Seek Ye First

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from A Call to Worship*

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

People: Come, let us put our trust in God.

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

People: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

People: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

***SONG OF PRAISE** *#108 Christ is Alive!*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *from the Presbyterian Outlook*

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** *#579 Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever and shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...**And also with you.**

RECOGNITION OF OUR PASTORAL INTERNS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP

FIRST LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48; Pew Bible p. 861

SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:12-19; Pew Bible p. 887

ANTHEM

Forever We Sing Hallelujah

SERMON

"Got Fish?"

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

#306 Fairest Lord Jesus

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, they 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.

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

#592 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**