

Order for the Worship of God
April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!

People: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.

All: We come to worship God who alone, is worthy of praise and cares for us!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

David Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #804

(stanzas 1,3,5)

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

***(refrain)* Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
(refrain)

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
(refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

O God, still creating, we hear your Easter promises of a new day and abundant life, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The future makes us afraid and the present is full of the unknown. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

"Jesus Is Walking with Me"
Barbara Jordan, Soloist

John W. Peterson

*I've been thru the valley, I've been thru the fire,
I've been thru deep water, I've bowed in the mire;
I've fought in the battle with courage all gone,
But this is the reason I always go on:*

*Jesus is with me—my shepherd and guide,
All that I need He is there to provide;
That makes the difference—this friend by my side,
Jesus is walking with me.*

*I've known disappointment, I've suffered some loss,
I've felt on my shoulder the weight of a cross;
I've wept in the darkness and wished for the light,
But somehow His presence gave songs in the night.
I've laughed on the mountain, I've savored success,
Rejoiced in my blessings—in more than in less;
I've tasted the good life while praising His name,
But sunshine or shadow it's always the same.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

SLANE

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

—text by Jan Struther, 1931 © 1931 Oxford University Press

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-13 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Faith in Unprecedented Times
#4 “Are You an Optimist or Pessimist?”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

David Cherwien

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director