

Order for the Worship of God
May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Why do you look up toward heaven?

People: Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: The word of God is truth.

People: Let us be sanctified in truth.

Leader: The Lord says: I am coming soon.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Celtic Celebration”

Joseph M. Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: we are sorry for so much; for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather to you, O God, so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES' CREED (*Together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“By Faith ”

arr. Lloyd Larson

(recorded at the 11:00 service, March 3, 2019)

Chancel Choir and Westminster Youth Choir

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design

In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls' reward;

Til the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,

*To deliver captives, and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
By faith we see the hand of God. By faith the mountain shall be moved.
We'll walk by faith, and not by sight. We'll walk by faith!*

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Faith in Unprecedented Times
#5 "Distracted? Confused? Keep Focused!"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN

"Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day"

O WALY WALY

**Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,
Two travelers walked along the way.
They'd once had hope, but hope had died
when you, O Lord, were crucified.**

**When you appeared beside the two,
They could not see that it was you;
But as they talked and shared their pain,
You gave them hope and joy again.**

**For as you spoke to them God's word,
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,
They understood what God had done
And that a new day had begun.**

**They shared their home; you broke the bread.
They saw you, risen from the dead!
That moment's grace helped them to see
The gift of God's eternity.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Together*)

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF
THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of
juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #835
(stanzas 1,2)

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CLOSER WALK

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Michael Burkhardt

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

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see *glimp*-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear *voic*-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren




set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy





will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-la-mine me, Spir-it d'i-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!



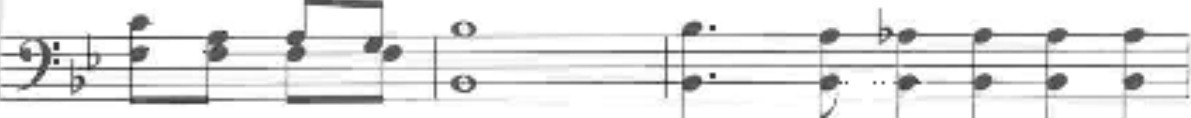
Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from al - wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly




thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Ref.

