April 15, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Mark Douyard, Officiate

LARGE PRINT hymnals available

NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL is available during the Worship Service, except during summer

*All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Come Christians Join to Sing - Mary McDonald

Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel – that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist, Carol Rose

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God's Word and for God's glory.

APRIL MISSION: Team Guatemala

INTROIT: Hail, Thee, Festival Day

CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgist, Carol Rose/People)

Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God! Set me from my troubles! Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer!

How long you people, will my reputation be insulted? How long will you continue to love what is worthless and go after lies? Know this: The Lord takes personal care of the faithful.

The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him, so be afraid and don't sin. Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it! Bring righteous offering to the Lord!

Many people say we can't find goodness anywhere. The light of your face has left us Lord. But you have filled my heart with more joy than when the wheat and wine are everywhere. I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

*HYMN: #115 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

(Moment of silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/People)

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, Thanks be to God. AMEN.

*SON G OF PRAISE: "Celtic Alleluia" (Alleluia 4x)

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth we may find freedom, and in your will we may find peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 3:12-19 (Pew Bible Page 120)

Liturgist Carol Rose

Peter speaks of Jesus' rejection and calls the people to repent.

ANTHEM: Because You Live, O Christ

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:36b-48 (Pew Bible Page 91)

Reverend Mark Douyard

The risen Lord eats with the disciples and interprets the Scriptures.

SERMON: Jesus and Erasers

Reverend Mark Douyard

*HYMN: #108 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "Christ is Alive!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: #592 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "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. Amen."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

Gracious and giving God, thank you for all your blessings; for the ways you provide for us both in body and soul. Please take these gifts we humbly offer and bless them for your use, for they are yours. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #122 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "Thine Is the Glory"

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis

^{*} POSTLUDE: The Glorious Triumph - Gerald Peterson