

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Tocatta and Fugue in D Major*

*Johann Pachelbel*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 4*

One: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen, indeed!**

One: Put your trust in the Lord.

All: **The Lord is gracious and hears our prayers.**

One: The light of his face shines upon us;

All: **And he puts gladness in our hearts. Let us worship the Lord!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing  
The cross stands empty to the sky  
Let streets and homes with praises ring  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine  
But saving, healing, here and now  
And touching every place and time

Women and men, in age and youth  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call  
And find the way, the life the truth  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Though Christ is among us and offers us peace, we are blind to his presence and fail to share his peace with others. We are a people divided against ourselves and clinging to the values of this broken world. Forgive us for the ways that we continue to contribute to systems that oppress our siblings in Christ, for the part we play in destroying your creation which you have entrusted to us, and for failing to love as you have shown us. Help us to turn from our old ways to live lives that glorify your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our pleas for forgiveness are heard.

All: **God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven.**

RESPONSE

*Christ is Alive!*

TRURO

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Joshua 1:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

***Let There Be Peace On Earth***

*arr. by Hayes*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we;  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:19b-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*adapted from* The Scots Confession

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

***The Peace may be Exchanged***

*Dan Locklair*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION 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 SENDING

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

*The People Respond - Amen!*

*Dan Locklair*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Dean Farmer – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

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**Technicians:** Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)