

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Pat Nash

## PRELUDE:

## CHIMING THE HOUR

**GREETINGS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplications.**

People: **Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

Leader: **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

People: **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Loving God, we come to You today in joyful adoration, still basking in the loving glow of Easter. Our love for You is shown in our compassion for others. May we be a continuation of Your light for those in a dark world. In Christ's name, Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN No. 265** "*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*" DUKE STREET

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Let us pray together**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, who is worthy of all honor and praise, hear our penitent prayer for forgiveness. We try to serve those You desire us to serve, but fear gets in our way. We are reluctant to offer food to those who are hungry for fear of embarrassing the person. We hesitate to tell of our faith for fear of doing it poorly. We don't share what we have for fear that we might need it someday. Lord help us to be more giving and understanding when we encounter those who need Your love and grace. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**You may be seated**

**TIME FOR YOUTH** and at this time would our youth please come forward.

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Lord, open Your word so that we may hear clearly the call You have on our lives. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 116:12-19, please read it **responsively with me.**

Leader: **What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me?**

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

Leader: **I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.**

People: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.**

Leader: **O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the child of Your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.**

People: **I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: **I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,**

People: **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in Your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the  
Lord!**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** **Our New Testament Lesson comes from Acts 2:14a, 36-41, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 119-120 of the New Testament**  
**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them. <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Today Heidi and I will be singing:**

**ANTHEM:** *“Then Came the Morning”* - Gaither

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 24:13-35, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 90 of the New Testament

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

\*HYMN No. 240 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks" ALLELUIA NO. 1

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION**                    The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581                    *“Glory Be to the Father”*                    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 shall be,  
world without end, Amen, amen.

**You may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

## **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

### **OFFERTORY:**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Our gifts come from You, O God, and we return only a portion for Your work. Keep us mindful of the gifts of a loving heart, the peace of Christ, and the gifts of family, love, and laughter that You provide. Help us to use our gifts in joyous celebration of Your divine majesty. O Lord, our friend and our redeemer. Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** *"He Lives! He Lives!"*

**HE LIVES! HE LIVES!**

**1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.**

**Chorus**

**He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.**

**2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last. Chorus**

**3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. Chorus**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 611      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* vs. 3      HYMN TO JOY  
**Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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*Please join us for Refreshments  
Following the Worship Service*

# Daily Bread

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Watch video from Bible Study

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Cecil Nash has been suffering with possible allergies

## CELEBRATIONS

Thomas got accepted into Mississippi State University



