

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR
WORDS OF WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children ages 3 yrs. –  $2^{nd}$  grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)  $\clubsuit$ 

Give thanks to God's holy name.

PEOPLE: PRAISE GOD FOR THE JOYOUS GIFTS OF A NEW DAY.

THANK GOD FOR HEALING AND EVER-PRESENT HELP.

Leader: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

PEOPLE: GOD SEES AND HEARS OUR WEEPING.

GOD LIFTS OUR SOULS FROM THE PIT OF DESPAIR.

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

UNISON: WE HAVE CRIED TO YOU IN OUR NEED, O GOD.

WE BELIEVE YOU ARE WORKING TO MAKE US WHOLE.

#### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny Your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been feed. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD	
FIRST READING (pg. 997)R	evelation 5:11-14
ANTHEMFeed My Sheep	Loonis McGlohon
SECOND READING (pg. 884)	John 21:15-19
MESSAGEPastor M	lark E. Poindexter
SILENT MEDITATION	
MORNING PRAYER	
THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP	
OFFERTORY  In the Secret (I want to know You)	Andy Park
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
We bring our offerings to feed Your lambs and tend Your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.	
GIVE THANKSGive Thanks with a Grateful Heart	СН. 528
COMMUNION INVITATION	
COMMUNION HYMNBread of the World, in Mercy Broken	СН. 387
PRAYER FOR THE BREAD	Tom Larson

You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

#### **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION......CH. 224

#### Christ Arose!

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

\*BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Spirit of the Living God

**‡** Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder Youth attend LIVE BIG!

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

#### **DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Cindy Wallace, Thomas Thornton, Ivy Kelly, Charles Kelly



Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.

We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

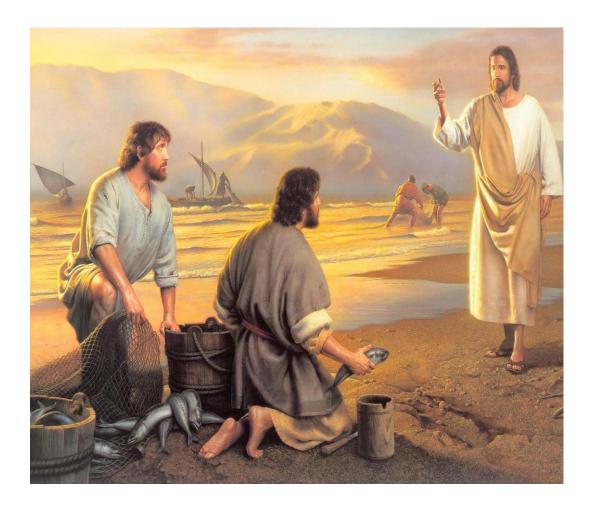


#### The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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