

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering/Preparation to Receive God's Word

PRELUDE

Jeanne Homan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 40: 1-5)*

Leader: To the Choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and revere, and put their trust in the LORD.

People: **Blessed is the one who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

Leader: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

People: **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

Leader: Come, join with me as we sing together our Hymn of Praise, *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* song #142 in your blue hymnal.

HYMN OF PRAISE #142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (blue hymnal)

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People: **Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

(Time of silent confession)

GLORIA PATRI - Hymn #579

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.1

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.2

Word/Receiving God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

New Testament: Philippians 2: 1 - 13

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Paul's Call to Unity Because of Christ
Pastor, Eddie Mariel

Response/Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* may be found in the blue hymnal in the *Aids to Worship* section, page 14

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY - Hymn #592

PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (blue hymnal)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE SONG

#20 *Because He Lives*

(red book)