

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

*For the Beauty of the Earth
Jesus, Lover of My Soul*
Kachofugetsu Handbell Choir

arr. Robert Groth

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER (Hymn 245, v.1)

*Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs. Alleluia! Sing, O heaven, and earth reply. Alleluia!*

* OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ has been raised from the dead and will never die again. (Romans 6:9)

Blessed are those who have not seen but have come to believe. (John 20:29)

Christ the Lord is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

* HYMN 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us.

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Loving God, no door is closed to you and no heart is locked. You know us through and through and love us still. Save us from ourselves and our need to understand what may be inscrutable. Help us to love you above all else, to love our neighbors, and to walk in the pathway of Jesus, in whose name we confess our sins and call upon your grace and mercy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 490, v. 3)

*O, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God transformed!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

I Peter 1:3-9

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.232)

ANTHEM

I Walk a Stranger on this Land

Dale Wood

Chancel Choir

Kimberly Hook, flute, and Lucie Freeman, guitar

I walk a stranger on this land, and weary have I grown. But with the setting sun there comes a peace that I have known. For though I walk a narrow road I do not walk alone. So many strangers pass my way, some speak, then disappear. They walk in shadow toward the night in loneliness and fear. The words of hope I longed to share were words they would not hear. Regret and sorrow know this road. At times they walk along. To bring a tear into my eye and sadness to my song. They say that what would be is not, and that which is, is wrong. I do not walk a lonely road or take a lonely stand. The steps I follow do not make impressions in the sand. Yet in God's word I hear God's voice and know the guiding hand.

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-31

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.90)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 469)

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

SERMON

“On the Road Again”

Dr. Butler

“Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him in the breaking of bread...”

* HYMN 252

“Day of Arising”

RAABE

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS AT THE LORD'S TABLE

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

Fuga BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

* HYMN 498

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

BEACH SPRING

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

Siyahamba – I'm Gonna Sing

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Kachofugetsu Handbell Choir

Traditional Zulu

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates

Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music

Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10 a.m.
