

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 15, 2018 11:00 a.m.

## The Third Sunday of Easter

God has drawn us to this place of Sabbath rest.

Worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Please silence electronics.

We invite you to share a prayer by dropping a prayer card in the offering plate. Our professionally-staffed nursery is on the first floor of the Education Building.



**Prelude** *Psalm 23* Arr. Michael Burkhardt

### Trinity Chime

**Call to Worship** (Responsive) Tate McKee

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Glory and honor, dominion and power,  
be to our God for ever and ever.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Hymn 104** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

**Prayer of Praise** (unison, from Isaiah 65:1)

Sing praise to God! He even helps those who don't come to Him for advice. Sing praise to the one true God! He lets Himself be found, even by those who are not looking for Him. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, speaks even to those who do not use His name. God our Father runs to us shouting, 'Here I am! Here I am!' This God deserves our praise. Let us sing God's praise every day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Reader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**All: Praise the Lord for all His mercies! Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison) The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### 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.

### Welcome and Common Concerns

Please sign and pass the friendship booklet in your pew.

Guests: thank you for your name and contact information.

Children ages 4-8 may exit to Children's Church during the offering.

Please use the door by the pulpit.

### Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *Inscription of Hope* Z. Randall Stroope  
Sunny Storie and Yasmin Ortiz, duet

I believe in the sun  
even when it is not shining  
and I believe in love  
even when there's no one there.  
And I believe in God  
even when He is silent.  
I believe through any trial  
there is always a way.

But sometimes in this suffering  
and hopeless despair,  
my heart cries for shelter to know someone's there.  
But a voice rises within me saying, "Hold on my child.  
I'll give you strength. I'll give you hope.  
Just stay a little while."

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even when it is not shining  
and I believe in love  
even when there's no one there.  
But I believe in God  
even when He is silent  
I believe through any trial  
there is always a way.

May there someday be sunshine.  
May there someday be happiness.  
May there someday be love.  
May there someday be peace.

Service note: The Holocaust is a stunning reminder of the tragic results of prejudice and hate toward other people. Yet it stands also as a reminder that hope overcomes. The words of this anthem were inscribed on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Hope was all they had to hold on to; hope was their only bridge to a brighter tomorrow. We thank God for the sure and certain hope we have in Jesus Christ who led the fight against the tyranny of Nazi Germany and still leads us to reach out to Jews in our Messiah's love.

