

Celebration of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

9:30 A.M.

Thoughts for Reflection

“If you want to experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ in your life, where you live, just get up in the morning and put one foot in front of the other and head down the road. Follow the way, but please, go with a bit of imagination. Walk with the expectation of the possibility of surprise.”

Rev. Dr. William Willimon

Acknowledgement of the Land

“For thousands of years, indigenous people have walked in this land, and their relationship with it has been the center of their lives. We acknowledge God’s People and the stewardship of the land throughout the ages.”

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ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Andantino* Franck

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT *Festive Praise* Geschke
Praise Ringers

OPENING SENTENCES

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

* *Please stand, if you are able*

+ *Found on the screen*

* HYMN *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* Back cover

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Hiding from God*

Prayer
(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

+ GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24:13-49* p. 860

SERMON *For Those Who Missed Easter*
Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Thou, O Lord, Art Lord God Alone* Lully
Chancel Choir

Thou, O Lord, art Lord God alone. Bow down thine ear, Lord, and hear me;
Preserve, O Lord, my soul, for I am holy.
Thou, O Lord, are kind, good and gracious, and of great mercy and compassion,
art gracious, kind and good to them that call on thee.
O knit my heart to thee, be merciful, Lord.
Comfort thou the soul of thy servant, for unto thee I lift my soul.

* DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* # 473

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S CREATION

For the gift of the universe in all its vastness:

**for the enormous, for the tiny, for refreshment, for challenge,
for gentle beauty, for fierce beauty,
for all the variety of place and season...we give thanks.**

For the inheritance of our world from generations past:

**for the landscape, for craft and skill,
for breed and variety in livestock and crops,
for wildlife untamed, for fertility maintained...we give thanks.**

For our existence on this fragile, green planet:

for air, for space, for moisture, for food...we give thanks.

For those who represent us all in caring for this planet:

**for gardeners, for foresters, for scientists, for farmers...we give
thanks.**

For the waters of baptism, for the breaking of bread, for the filling of
the cup,

**for the presence of the sacred in earthly things...
we give you our thanks and praise great God! Amen!**

THE PEACE

+* HYMN *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Screen

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Cornet Voluntary* Heron