

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *Third Sunday of Easter*

May 5, 2019

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

### ***Thought for Reflection***

*“How can you worship a homeless man on Sunday  
and ignore one on Monday?”*

*An Easter ad in the New York Times*

### **God Invites Us to Worship**

WELCOME & GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Now is the time to sing – to sing the good news of God:

**People: who awakens us with dawn’s embrace; who surrounds us with joy and life!**

Leader: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

**People: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

Leader: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies.

**All: We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

### **We Offer Praise**

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* PRAISING GOD WITH HEART AND VOICE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

HC # 20

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

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### **God Speaks Through the Word**

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

*Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 9:1-6* p. 893

GOSPEL LESSON *John 21:1-19* p. 883

SERMON *The Third Time’s the Charm*

Pastor Larry De Vuyst

### **God Offers Grace**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God* Insert

### **We Respond to God’s Love**

BRINGING GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Canon of Praise* arr. Hopson  
Chancel Choir

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

### **God Sends Us Out to Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* # 411

\* SENDING (responsively)

Leader: Now is the time to get up and go.

**People: We will leave in order to follow God into the world.**

Leader: Now is the time to enter into the brokenness all around us.

**People: We will go forth to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all we meet.**

Leader: Now is the time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

**People: The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment.**

\* THE BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE