

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Albany, NY

Called by God to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor

The Gathering

Prelude

Andante tranquillo

Percy Whitlock

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE



Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the Gos-pel spread!
Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor, praise Christ ris-en from the dead!



1. Sing of the sun from dark-ness ap-pear-ing; sing of the seed from bar-ren earth green-ing,
2. Sing now of mourn-ing turned in-to danc-ing; sing now the mys-tery, hope of our glo-ry;



sing of cre-a-tion, al-le-lu-ia! Sing of the stream from Je-sus' side flow-ing;
sing with thanks-giv-ing, al-le-lu-ia! Sing now of fast-ing turned in-to feast-ing;



sing of the saints in wa-ter made ho-ly; sing of sal-va-tion, al-le-lu-ia!
sing the Lord's fa-vor last-ing for-ev-er; sing all things liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison No. 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri No. 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness
Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
2. World with - out end, with - out end. A - men. World with - out
Son, whose grace has set me free, and to the Spir - it, whose love has
end, with - out end. A - men. World with - out end, with - out
set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
end. A - men.

The Word

New Testament Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Kendra Smith-Howard

One: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Vaughn Nevin

One: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem*Sing Ye a Joyful Song*

Antonin Dvorak

Fiona McKinney, *alto*

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord, who hath done marvelous, marvelous things
praise the Lord all the earth!

Sing praises, shout and be joyful. Let the sea roar and all that is therein,
the round earth and all they that dwell there, lift your voices, floods and tempests,
mountains clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn, and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:36–48

One: The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.**Sermon***Got Fish?*

Glenn D. Leupold

Our Response**Anthem***Witness*

Jack Halloran

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh I'll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.

The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old.

Christ told Nicodemus as a friend: "Man you must be born again."

He said : "Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized."

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.

Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.

Then old Samson went a wand'rin' about. Samson's strength was never found out.

'Till his wife sat upon his knee. she said: "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!"

No old Samson's wife, she talk so fair Samson said: "Cut off my hair!

Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man."

Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord.

Prayers of the People**Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts**

Prayer of Dedication

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

Hymn No. 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN



1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Benediction

Response by the People (*in unison*) **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

Responsive Hymn No. 749 v.1 *Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED



Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. We are called to act with justice: we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Postlude

Allegro Risoluto from *Plymouth Suite*

Percy Whitlock

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