

## THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN "Red Book" 249      We Have Come Into His House

We have come into His house gathered In His name to worship Him  
We have come into His house gathered In His name to worship Him  
We have come into His house gathered In His name to worship Christ the Lord,  
Worship Him, Christ, the Lord

So Let's lift up holy hands and magnify His Name and worship Him  
So Let's lift up holy hands and magnify His Name and worship Him  
So Let's lift up holy hands and magnify His Name and worship Him  
And Worship Him, Christ, the Lord

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him  
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him  
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him  
And Worship Him, Christ, the Lord

He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him,  
He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him,  
He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him,  
And Worship Him, Christ, the Lord

### OPENING BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection*

P: We confess,

**C: We are in bondage and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with**

**our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray.....O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

##### **Old Testament: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Peter calls for the people to see Jesus as the Lord of all.*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

##### **Epistle: I Peter 1:17-25**

*We are ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus.*

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”  
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Our Awesome God**

**By Rich Mullins**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

*Two disciples recognize Jesus when he breaks bread*

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Rob Schulze**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in thee.

**SERMON**

**“Keeping Hope Alive”**

**Pastor Nolting**

[Part 1](#)

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**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING** (We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

## OFFERTORY

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer**)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## DISTRIBUTION

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **"Red Book" 114**

#### **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me—this I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong—They are weak, but He is strong.

#### **Refrain**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;  
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.

#### **Refrain**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

#### **Refrain**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He will stay Close beside me all the way,  
Though hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for the.

#### **Refrain**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

#### **"Green Book" 460 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus**

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only you;  
Trusting you for full salvation,

Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon;  
At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting you to make me holy  
By your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me;  
You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting you for power;  
You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**