

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER.....**It took the resurrection to reveal God's eternal plans to save the fallen human race. Who among the people of Jerusalem knew that "this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36) would be Lord and Christ? Who knew that it would take His blood to pay for our sins as Peter reveals in the Epistle. And how could the disciples on the road to Emmaus understand that their guest was Jesus, risen from the dead, until He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread? We would also be clueless were it not for the grace of God in revealing His plan of salvation to us and working faith in our hearts to believe it. To Him be the glory forever!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING BLESSING

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

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: Today we can give thanks that God's Word remains forever, assuring us that Jesus' death paid for all our sins. Yet as we begin our worship, we recognize that our faith is not always so rock solid. At times we doubt the constancy of God's Word. At other times we doubt in God's plan to bring us back to Him. After a time of silent reflection, let us confess our sins.

### *Silent Reflection*

Pastor: We confess our sins,

**People: We confess that we have been too aware of the fragile nature of our human flesh, fearful of withering under the heat of opposition from the society around us. We have not always trusted Your abiding Word. Forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! Our gracious Savior is with us today as surely as He was in Emmaus. The Holy Spirit continues to strengthen us as we follow the apostles' footsteps. You have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Book 142

"We Will Glorify"

We will glorify the King of Kings; we will  
Glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the  
Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings; hallelujah  
To the Lamb; hallelujah to the  
Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will  
Bow before his throne; we will worship him in  
Righteousness; we will worship Him alone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: O God, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, You fulfilled all the ancient promises. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the futility of this world, freedom to serve You in endless joy. We pray these things through Jesus, Your Son. Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

"Repent and be baptized."

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

"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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Shine On Us"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VIDEO

"The Road to Emmaus"

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SERMON

"Jesus, open our eyes!"

Pastor Lucke

Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
Help us to listen  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**People:** 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—ourselves, our time, our possessions.)

**OFFERTORY**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

Pastor: Awaken the people of the world, heavenly Father, that, like those in Jerusalem, they may see their need to repent of their animosity and hatred. Grant them to look for the welfare of not only themselves but also for the generations that follow them. Where they are oppressed, grant freedom; where they are exiled, open doors of repatriation; where they live in fear, provide the security they need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Raise up leaders in all the nations, Lord, over all, so that they may seek ways that lead to peace with their neighbor states as well as justice and compassion for their citizens. Give them a sense of service to replace their thirst for power. Guide and direct the armed forces of the world and all who keep the peace at home. We pray especially for those who serve our country and communities. Instill in them a desire to bring order from chaos and calm from conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: "All flesh is like grass," and so, Lord Jesus, we ask You to strengthen and preserve all who call out to You with illnesses or disabilities, in sorrow and mourning, from isolation and fear, (including.....). Surround them with caring health care professionals, understanding counselors, and concerned circles of family and friends. Bring about the health, relief, and joy You have in mind for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we praise You for the unity that we share with others because of Jesus. We pray that You would strengthen all the churches in the Philomath community. We thank you for their

efforts to teach and live by Your commands. Bless their efforts to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

[Red Book 181](#)

["Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"](#)

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, save me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labor 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 hands 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 my  
Eyes shall close in death, which I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of  
Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

[Red Book 187](#)

["Seek Ye First"](#)

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Red Book 174                      "Prayer of St. Francis"

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord.  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness...only light.  
And where there's sadness ever joy.  
Bridge: Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To- be understood ...as to understand.  
To-be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are par-doned.  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And-in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Other DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 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.  
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.  
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.

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.

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

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

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**