

May 5, 2019

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Confirmed in Christ

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Service

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Bouman

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 318** “Christ is Alive”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Quentin Chin, adapted

Leader: Brothers and sisters, siblings and friends:

If you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

People: We’ll cast it out again into Christ’s abundance.

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

People: We’ll find the Risen Christ here among us.

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning, come here!

People: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Leader: Come here, to this place of worship,

People: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

***THE CONFIRMATION CLASS CREED** (11:00)

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 331**

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.**

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“Unclouded Day”

arr. Shawn Kirchner

IXOYC Choir

(11:00)

“I Know My God”

Chris Hall

Genesis Choir

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nancy Townley

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”
Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

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***THE HYMN NO. 339** (8:15 & 9:30) “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

THE SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-8

Pew Bible pg. 991

This is God's living Word for God's living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

“Empty Nets”
Rev. Elbert Dulworth

THE RITUAL OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Inserted

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(8:15 & 9:30) **NO. 17** (Musical Setting A)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The elements will be served by intinction. At the direction of the ushers, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All bread is gluten-free.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Fed by your love and strengthened through your presence with us, we pray that we may go forth into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to be your Church. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 310** “He Lives”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Marsh

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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To gather, nurture and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for ministry and mission in the world.

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Welcome All	Put Love Into Action
Honor God Through Excellence	Embrace Bold Vision
Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth	Support One Another

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