

**The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2021**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**“Gathering in God’s presence...**

Centering Words

*For all who lose sight of hope, adjust our perspective, catch our eye, and touch us, Risen Savior, with your surprising presence.*

**Prelude**

*Jesus, We are Here*

Jesu, tawa pano

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

*Jesus, We are Here*

Jesu, tawa pano

*Jesu, tawa pano; Jesus, tawa pano; Jesu, tawa pano; Tawa pano, muzita renyu.*

*Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; We are here for you.*

*Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here; We are here for you.*

*Teacher, we are here; Teacher, we are here; Teacher, we are here; We are here for you.*

*Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here; We are here for you.*

*Jesu, tawa pano; Jesu, tawa pano; Jesu tawa pano; Tawa pano, muzita renyu.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we give thanks that you often reveal yourself to be different from our expectations. When we long for the love we have known in the past, our eyes are dimmed to the beauty you reveal to us now. As your first followers struggled to see how a suffering savior could be the messiah, we strain to recognize you still today. Come Spirit, make yourself known in the study of scripture, in our songs of praise, and especially in the grace and love we offer one another. Make yourself known in every friend we have yet to meet in your good and blessed name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Christ lived, died, and rose again for us, even while we were sinners. This is proof of God’s love for us. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Response**

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

#### The Scripture Read: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Reflection

*A Clear View*

Rev. Ashley Sanders

### Our Response

### Prayers of the People & 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.**

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### Doxology #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

### Prayer of Dedication

### Benediction

**Postlude**

*Jesus, We are Here*

Jesu, tawa pano

**...sending in God's name."**

Leading Worship:  
Liturgy – Laura Staat  
Electronic Wind Instrument – Susan Frick  
Vocals – Lisa Barnes  
Music Director – Sheri Melton  
Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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