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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 18, 2021

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*  
**Congregation responds in bold.**

***WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME***

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)  
Marko Petričić, Organ

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,  
**he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."**  
Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,  
**bursting in with new life and new hope.**  
Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es  
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly  
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.  
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ris - en Head!  
 sing to thee:

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

While we were talking, Jesus came and stood among us.

But we kept on talking. We talked ourselves out of the peace that was present to us.

**There are so many times when we fail to recognize the presence of Christ in our midst – Christ present in our hearts to bring us peace.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**There are so many times when we fail to encounter Christ in our midst - Christ in creation that hungers while we eat; Christ in the suffering and unrelieved.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**There are so many times when we fail to understand Christ in our midst – Christ in our wondering, Christ in our joy, Christ in our disbelieving.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**\* SILENT CONFESSION**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus asked, "Why are you frightened? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

**We know that Christ is present in us.**

Friends, we are loved and forgiven.

**Praise God! In the light of Jesus, we can begin afresh.**

**\* GLORY TO GOD**

arr. Val Parker

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, and  
peace to his peo - ple on aii the earth.

**\* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE** (*Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.*)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED***

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Christie Call

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM 4**

arr. Hal Hopson  
(born 1933)

Kelly Day and Simon Lee, Cantors

Lord, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24: 36b-48

**SERMON**

Teachable Moments

David Smazik

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**ANTHEM**

Surely, He Hath Borne our Grievs (from Messiah)

George F. Handel  
(1685 – 1759)  
Section Leaders

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.  
He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:  
the chastisement of our peace was upon him.

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

**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.**

**OFFERING**

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

WONDROUS LIGHT



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's  
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,  
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's  
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant  
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth  
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;  
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and  
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low  
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.  
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.  
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

## \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

And now friends, may the Lord bless you and keep you,  
shine upon you with grace and mercy,  
and give you what is needed for each new day.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

### A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter  
born 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,  
Deep peace of Christ to you.



## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

**In Psalm 4** we are reminded God hears and answers our prayers. In the opening lines, the psalmist gets right to the point: “Hear when I pray.” The writer speaks of his suffering (“Long have I suffered revilement and shame”) but is confident the Lord will provide peace (“I know there will be justice according to holy decree.”). As the psalm approaches the end, the mood changes and the psalmist is assured of God’s presence (“Safely I rest in the palm of your hand.”). The one who was desperate can now be at peace, for matters can be left in God’s hands.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Zoom Sunday Morning Bible Study** – April 25, May 2, 10:10—10:50am

**Zoom Preschool Sunday School** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month at 10am. Ages. 3-5.

**Zoom Children’s Church** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month at 10am. Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>

**Zoom Northminster Reads** – TODAY at 5:30pm. Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

**Spring Work Days** – April 30 and May 1, 9am-Noon

**Plant Sale Pick-up** – April 30, 10am-6pm, Porch

**Meet and Greet Nancy Fortenberry** – May 2, 4:00-5:30 pm in the parking lot.

**Town Hall Meetings** – May 16, 10am (sanctuary), May 16, 1pm (Zoom), June 6, 10am (sanctuary)

**Zoom Northminster Reads** – May 16, 5:30pm. Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

*For more information on events and meetings – and how to join Zoom events or meetings – visit our website ([northminster-indy.org](http://northminster-indy.org)).*

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## MINISTRY

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**John M. Wright**  
Director, Music Ministries

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**Denise Harrington**  
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