Third Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

How Majestic Is Your Name! The Lord's My Shepherd

Broughton

Kendall

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Y Call to Worship (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Let us worship God.

"He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."
Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.
"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

Hymn Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy

Bridge Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

†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. A-men, A-men.

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,

not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a

cheerful giver.

Offering

Offertory Peace Like a River

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

∮Hymn 375

Jesus Calls Us

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon Who Needs a Doctor? Dan Baker

Scripture Reading Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him.

- ¹⁰ While he was reclining at the table in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came to eat with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- ¹² Now when he heard this, he said, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: **I desire** mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sermon "The Physician for Sinners"

Rev. Dr. Dennis Lesher

Responding We respond to God's Word

! Hymn 376 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer Distribution

Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand

Of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 342 Just As I Am

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bonnie Mecaughey and Jim Fox

Postlude Let the Trumpet Sound! - Smith