

*Words of Encouragement – John 11:25, 26*

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die,  
will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me  
will never die,” This is the good news.

***Thanks be to God!***

*Song: Beautiful Savior (17)*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

*Children’s Moment & Blessing*

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for our children?

***People: May the Lord be with you.***

Children: And also with you!

Leader: May God’s love sustain you; may His Spirit empower you;  
and may His joy fill you to love and serve the world!

***ALL: Amen! Thanks be to God!***

*Song: Ten Thousand Reasons (559)*

*Life @ Third – Offering for the Cadets & GEMS ministries*

*Morning Prayers*

## **LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17 (p.1831) + “*Raised With Christ*”

*[Back panel available for Sermon Notes/Reflections]*

## **FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD**

*Call to Discipleship & Benediction – from Hebrews 13:20-21*

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

***We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.***

May the God of peace, who raised to life

the great shepherd of the sheep,

***make us ready to do God’s will in every good thing,***

***through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever!***

And the blessing of God Almighty: the Creator, the Christ,

and the Holy Spirit; be among you and remain with you always.

***Amen!***

*Song: Because He Lives (Amen)*

*Sending*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those

who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

***Thanks be to God!***

**The Foundation of Our Life**

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it. Bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.*

**The Shape of Our Life**

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Welcome & Call to Worship*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you!***

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!***

*Songs: O Give Thanks (Kimbrough) & Great Are You, Lord (All Sons & Daughters)*

*Call to Confession – Revelation 21:5a*

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

“See, I am making all things new.”

*Prayer of Confession*

***Eternal One, in the light of your love we see the wrong we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and give us your grace, so that we may follow your way of peace and live out the good news of the gospel. Amen.***

*Time of Silent Confession*

**The Work of Our Life**

*Take Home Reflections*

- What do you think is your life? Where do you tend to look for it?
- Where does your life need to take on the resurrection identity of Christ? Your mind—do you need to learn to think more like Jesus? Your heart—do you need to love more like Jesus? Your body? Your words?
- How are you ordering your days? At what point in your day are you doing the work of putting off death and putting on life? How might you engage in this more proactively?