

Call to Confession – Matthew 11:28-29

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who easily lose our way. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow the way of Jesus, and often find ourselves on the wrong path. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to heed the call of the Good Shepherd, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Song: O Come to the Altar

Words of Encouragement – Psalm 34:18

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.”

This is the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Song: O Come to the Altar

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: My Jesus I Love Thee (366)

Life @ Third: Offering for the Third Church Ministries Fund

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (p.1771)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Resurrected Minds”

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FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

Benediction — from Matthew 22:37-39

Friends, go out into the world

and love the Lord your God with all your heart,

soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself.

And may the love of the cross, the power of the resurrection, and the presence of the living Lord be with you always.

Amen.

SONG: Take My Life and Let it Be

Sending

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who

love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Greeting & Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship – based on Revelation 7:9-11

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

***Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor,
power and strength, be to our God
forever and ever. Amen!***

Song: O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (796)

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious God, you who are holy beyond human thinking and glorious beyond human telling, lift us now toward your holiness and point us now toward your glory. Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord; we want to see you shining in the splendor of your light, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart/Holy, Holy, Holy (537/538)