

Order of Worship
April 15, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Our God Is an Awesome God"

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 116:1-2 & 8)

Leader: We love the LORD, because He has heard our voices and our supplications.

People: The Lord has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

Leader: God has inclined His ear to us and has come to our aid,

People: Therefore I will call upon the name of the Lord as long as I live.

*Hymn: "Come Christians, Join to Sing" # 150

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison) (Based on Psalm 51)

"¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit." Then I will open my mouth, O God, and sing the praises of your mercy and steadfast love shown to us in Jesus Christ, and it is in his name we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36-48

Sermon: "Believe AND Bear Witness"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling" # 376

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 3. Where do you learn of your sin and its wretched consequences?

A. From the Law of God.

Q. 4. What does the Law of God require of us?

A. Jesus Christ teaches this in a summary in Matthew 22:37–40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." (Cf. Luke 10:27.)

Q. 5. Can you keep all this perfectly?

A. No, for by nature I am prone to hate God and my neighbor.

*Hymn: "Live Into Hope" # 332

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: **"God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."**