



# Third Sunday of Easter

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

### Prelude

*“Fantasia”*

Pachelbel

### Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*God of peace, we bring before You now those places in the world that need to hear Your story. All those places that need to hear Your story of love to silence the screams of war. All those places that need to hear Your story of love to silence the cries of discord. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### \*Call to Worship – From Psalm 4:1-5, 7, 8

L: Answer me when I call to You, O God who declares me innocent. Free me from my troubles. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**P: How long will you people ruin My reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies?**

L: You can be sure of this: The Lord set apart the godly for Himself. The Lord will answer when I call to Him.

**P: Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent.**

L: Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the Lord.

**P: You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.**

L: In peace I will lie down and sleep for You alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.

### \*Hymn

*“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*

PH #104

### Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves consistently. We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

Chancel Choir *“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading I. Acts 3:12-19

New Testament Reading II 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading Luke 24:36-48

Sermon *“Our Purpose”* Pastor Ryan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith – From Romans 8

“We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.

**\*Hymn**                    **“God of the Sparrow”**                    **PH #272**

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer**

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

Offertory                    *“Offertory”*                    Hegarty

**\*Doxology**                    **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn**                    **“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”**                    **PH #111**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**                    *“Toccatà in F Major”*                    Buxtehude

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
Greeter/Usher:	Cheryl Drake
Liturgist:	Alice Studzinski
Choir Director:	Rich Ford
Pianist:	Julia Territo
Organist:	Emma Lou Denton

**\*Please stand, if able**                    CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover