

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

11:00 a.m. April 26th, 2020

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116 (selected verses)

Leader: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and listened to my supplications.

**People: For the Lord has given ear to me, whenever I called.**

Leader: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**People: Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life!"**

Leader: How shall I repay the Lord for the good things God has done for me?

**People: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**All: In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Verse 1

**Crown him with many crowns the lamb upon his throne. Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake my soul and sing, of him who died for thee and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

Verse 2

**Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high. Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

Verse 3

**Crown him the Lord of love behold his hands and side. Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight. But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving.  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

**Leading worship:** The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor;  
Joey Ratliff, Liturgist; Mitchell, Liturgist; Emaley, Liturgist;  
Juanita Ratliff, Special Music; Leah Metzger, Accompanist;



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