



THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

We live in the radiance of your glory.

**Our worship comes from
the gladness you have put in our hearts.**

We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

**Oh, hear the joy of our praise
for your grace and mercy.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We ask your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON, #251, *chorus*

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – 1 John 3:1-7

George Norton

OFFERING OF MUSIC *“Sweet Is the Day”*

Adult Choir

GOSPEL* - Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

“Snacking With Jesus”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. Alleluia! Jesus is Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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.

HYMN*

“The Strife Is O’er”

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CHARGE AND BLESSING*

CHORAL RESPONSE,* 243 (*sing Twice*) *Congregation and Choir*

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
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FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Everyone is invited!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."