

Order of Worship
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – April 14, 2024

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Sonata Pathetique
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David Wheatley, organ

Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION

A SCOUT RESPONSIVE READING

See insert

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Varre Cummins, liturgist

L: Doubt and fear are gone!
P: Light and hope abound!
L: Where we once felt alone and lost;
P: Christ has come to walk again with us.
L: Hallelujah!
P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

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OPENING HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

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1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 36b-48 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Varre Cummins, liturgist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
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UMH 451

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

MESSAGE

Rev. Diane Rehfield

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Christ Is Arisen, Indeed

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VFUMC Chancel Choir; KuanFen Liu; David Wheatley, piano

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus sends us forth to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all the world. Today we bring our tithes and offerings, as a token of our gratitude for the forgiveness we have received. May these gifts go forth from this place to serve as a proclamation that Christ is indeed alive, that forgiveness is for all, and that love lives among us. Amen

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241

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1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring
glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and,
all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empower'd us; we go in Jesus' name.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Brandenburg Concerto No3, III. Allegro BWV 1048
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David Wheatley, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayer Requests

First UMC of Pasadena —Pastor Amy Aitken

First UMC of Pasadena—Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.