

Order of Worship
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – May 1, 2022

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Invention No. 8
Lance Crane, organ

J.S Bach

GREETING

HYMN

Christ Is Risen

UMH 307

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1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!
We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.
If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!
We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.
If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!
Christ is leading a dance of joy.
Come here, sisters and brothers!
To give blessing and honor and glory to God!
(Rev. Quentin Chin, ©2013)

HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH 453

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1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!
3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,

when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!
4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE

John 21: 1-19 (NRSV)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God (2x)

TFWS 2058

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Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God of power and might, as we lay our hearts and our lives before you, let your love shine in us, and through us to others. Take the spiritual blindness from our hearts and lives, and give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think, and do. We offer these gifts, knowing that You will use them and us, to transform the lives of others, through the resurrection power of Jesus. Thank you, Lord! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, it is not always easy being your disciples. We would rather have breakfast with Christ than have him look us in the eye and say: “Feed my lambs.” We would rather sit by his side and hear him talk about the lilies of the field, than hear his plea: “Tend my sheep.” We would rather sing with angels surrounding your throne than face Christ’s command to “Feed my sheep.” Rescue us when we stray from your purposes, and renew our desire to not only love you, but to live that love in our care for others. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is gracious and helps us in our weakness. The time for weeping is over, for joy comes with the morning.
Rejoice, people of God!

God’s Spirit saves us in every way and equips us to do the work God has set before us. Thanks be to God!

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.
(UM Book of Worship, The Methodist Publishing House, ©1972)

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.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398

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1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"
2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Victory
Lance Crane, organ

Prayer Request

St. Mark UMC off Santa Barbara—Pastor Cynthia Huskey

St. Paul's UMC of Oxnard—Pastor Rachel deBos-Haigler

Diane—friend of Jan Marra having stem cell transplant next week. Will be hospitalized for a month

Kate Stradling and family

Ukraine