

Order of Worship
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – April 23, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Abide With Me

arr. Dale Wood

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Kyle Hanks, organ

GREETING

HYMN

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

UMH 60

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1 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

2 Happy are they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas, with all their train; whose truth forever stands secure,
who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor, for none shall find God's promise vain.

3 The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and the fatherless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

4 I'll praise my God who lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Fran Turner, liturgist

I love the LORD,
Because God has heard my voice and my supplications
Because God has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Our God is merciful. Praise the Lord!

-Psalm 116: 1, 2, & 5, & 19c NRSV

HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH 189

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Music: Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842; arr. By Richard Storrs Willis, 1850. Public Domain.

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

Stay With Us

Egil Hovland

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson-Director; Kyle Hanks-Organist

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 13.35 (NRSV)

Fran Turner, liturgist

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

MESSAGE

Breaking Bread, Opening Eyes, Burning Hearts

Rev. Rich Garner

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Surely the Presence of the Lord

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As we are called by the Apostle Peter to “love one another deeply and from the heart”, so we offer these gifts as sign of “our faith and hope set on God”. May these offerings both glorify God and support the ministries of this church as it offers gospel truth to community and world. We pray this in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Hope of the World

UMH 178

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1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given, to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

5 Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden BWV 625
Kyle Hanks, organ

J. S. Bach

Stay With Us

Stay with us, Lord, Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord, Jesus, stay with us. It soon is evening, and night is falling.

Jesus Christ the world's true light, shine so the darkness cannot overcome it.
Stay with us, Lord, Jesus, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord, Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its' glory.

Stay with us, Lord, Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening.

Prayer Requests

First UMC of Lompoc—Pastor Joy Price

Magnolia Park UMC—Pastor Chris Fracchiolla

Family of Frank “Quinn” Beebe who passed away on Wednesday the 12th

Emma—mother of Ginger Novstrup in hospital after suffering a stroke

Wilkinson family who lost son David last week

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

All those affected by the recent gun violence