

Order of Worship for March 31, 2024

Please take time this morning to sign the Friendship Pads. It's a great way for us to remind neighbors in the pews of our names, and to share contact information with the church office!

Gathering

Prayer of Preparation

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows
from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of the sinful world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life
with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

"Alleluia"

Mozart

Brass Quartet

Trumpets: Andy Tichenor, Gabi Grasso

Trombones: Jim Owen, Michael Dunsmore

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jim Shultz

Lead Pastor

Children's Video

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

Jeanette Peevers

*Call to Worship

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 182 (Please sing only the three stanzas printed with the music)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

**Please stand, in body or in spirit!*

Confessing

Call to Confession of Faith

Confession of Faith (in unison)

—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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession Response, No. 492 (Fourth Stanza)

“To Thee, Great One in Three”

ITALIAN HYMN

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, Hence evermore.

Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore.

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:4-9

Pew Bible, p. 976

*Scripture Response

—from Hebrews 4:12, 16

Leader: The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

People: **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Sermon Series: The Multifaceted Gospel

Message:

“Resurrection Life”

Rev. Dr. Shultz

Responding

*Hymn No. 187

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"The Lord Is Risen"

Barrett

Chancel Choir

The Lord is risen, risen from the dead! Alleluia, praise to the King!
The Lord is risen, risen from the dead! Alleluia, joyfully sing.
Death could not hold him! Jesus is risen!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who sis once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

*Offertory Response

(tune found at Hymn No. 843)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn No. 223

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*As we sing this hymn, worshipers are invited to come forward and join the choir
for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Come to the choir loft,
receive a copy of the music, and take a place with the choir.*

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Shultz

***Benediction Response**

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*

Handel

Christian Bennington, tympanist

Postlude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Hustad

Mary Hithcock-Reinhart, organist

Bonhomme Mission Partners:

Local:

The Freedom School [Restore STL]

The Haven of Grace

Inside Out Prison Ministry [Restore STL]

Isaiah 58

Oasis International Ministries

Restore St. Louis

International:

Comfort Foundation [Novgorod, Russia]

El Centro Integral [Honduras]

Todd and Julie Hendry [Brazil—Avant]

Katherine Milla [India—Student Mobilization]

Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp [Costa Rica—Global Outreach]

Ron and Lisa Redell [North Macedonia—SEND Int'l]