

**Order of Worship Service**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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<b>PRELUDES</b>	Amazing Grace – arr. Albin Whitworth O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee – arr. Ted Smith & Don Hustad
<b>WELCOME</b>	
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	
<b>OUR RESPONSE HYMN #809</b>	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH)
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	
<b>CHOIR</b>	This the Hour of Worship – W. Sim
<b>HYMN #562</b>	Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (DIX)
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Psalm 1 <b>Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>
<b>CHOIR</b>	Psalm 1 – Mark Hayes
<b>PRAYER OF BLESSING</b>	
<b>HYMN #651</b>	O Master Let Me Walk with Thee (MARYTON)
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Matthew 5:3-16 <b>Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>
<b>SOLO</b>	I Then Shall Live - arr. Lloyd Larson
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	Wilma Wiens <b>Leader: <i>In our words, our silence, our actions, may our motivation be, Alleluia, Christ is risen!</i></b> <b>Congregation: <i>He is risen indeed!</i></b>
<b>MESSAGE</b>	#blessed Kerry Flemington
<b>THE APOSTLES' CREED</b> (please stand)	
<b>HYMN #603</b>	O How Blest Are the Poor in Spirit (BEATITUDES)
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	We're Marching to Zion – arr. Ted Smith & Don Hustad

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Worship Leader	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	- Margot Sim
Piano/Organ Duets	- Madeleine Flemington, Margot Sim
Soloist	- Deanna Hiebert
Oboe	- Chelsey Hiebert

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21 (Good Shepherd Sunday/Membership Sunday):** Karen Bowler will be speaking on "I Am the Good Shepherd" with scriptures Isaiah 46:1-14 and John 10:11-18

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**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW** (Thomas Ken)

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

**THIS IS THE HOUR OF WORSHIP** (Wilbur Howard)

This is the hour of worship, draw near.

Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful be comforted.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

This is the hour of worship, draw near.

**CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES** (Charles Wesley)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light.

Sun of righteousness arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the dawn till your glories shine on me.

Joyless is the day's return till your mercy's beams I see:

As they inward light impart, cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief.

Fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief,

More and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

**PSALM 1** (NLT Scripture Reading)

<sup>1</sup>Oh, the joys of those who do not  
follow the advice of the wicked,  
or stand around with sinners,  
or join in with mockers.

<sup>2</sup>But they delight in the law of the Lord,  
meditating on it day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted along the riverbank,  
bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither,  
and they prosper in all they do.

<sup>4</sup>But not the wicked!  
They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

<sup>5</sup>They will be condemned at the time of judgment.  
Sinners will have no place among the godly.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord watches over the path of the godly,  
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

**PSALM 1** (Choir)

Blessed are the ones who delight in the law of the Lord.

On God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like a tree, planted by the water,

Which yields its fruit in season, whose leaf shall never wither,

And all they do shall prosper.

Blessed are the ones who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked,

Or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers,

For they delight in the law of the Lord.

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On God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like a tree, planted by the water,

Which yields its fruit in season, whose leaf shall never wither,

And all they do shall prosper.  
Blessed are the ones who delight in the law of the Lord.

**O, MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE** (Washington Gladden)

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free,  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

**MATTHEW 5:3-16** (Bible Project Translation)

How good is life for the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of the skies.  
How good is life for those who grieve, because they will be comforted.  
How good is life for the unimportant, for they will inherit the land.  
How good is life for those who hunger and thirst for right-relationships, because they will be satisfied.  
How good is life for those who show mercy, because they will be shown mercy.  
How good is life for the pure in heart, because they will see God.  
How good is life for the peacemakers, because they will be called the children of God.  
How good is life for those who have been persecuted on account of doing what is right, because theirs is the kingdom of the skies.  
How good is life for you when they insult you and persecute and speak any evil lies against you on account of me.  
Celebrate and shout for joy because your reward is great in the skies; because this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.

You are the salt of the land.  
But if the salt becomes unsalty, with what can it be made salty again? It is useful for nothing, except to be thrown out and stepped on by humans.

You are the light of the world. A city that is set up on a mountain is not able to be hidden.  
And they don't light a candle and place it under a basket but rather upon a candle stand, and it will shine on everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people so that they can see your good works and they can give honour to your Father who is in the skies.

**I THEN SHALL LIVE** (Gloria Gaither)

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father. I am his child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, your power and glory, let them shine through me.  
Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor, and may your living Kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, and may you feed a hungry world through me.

**THE 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.  
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  
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**O HOW BLEST ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT** (Richard Avery/Donald Marsh)

O how blest are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven,  
And how blest are the sad and mournful, they'll be consoled by God.

**Refrain:** Blest and happy we shall be, listen to the Master's word!  
Soon the kingdom's coming, watch and see: the kingdom of the Lord!

O how blest are the meek and humble, they will inherit the earth,  
And how blest those who hunger for goodness, they all will feast with God.

**Refrain**

O how blest are the mercy givers, such mercy they will receive,  
And how blest are the pure in heart, they surely will see God.

**Refrain**

O how blest are the true peacemakers, they will be known as God's children,  
And how blest those who suffer for justice, they will be honored by God.

**Refrain**