



# Third Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2012

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME.....Steve Gray

CHILDREN'S CHOIR.....*Maker of Heaven and Earth (from Psalm 121)*.....Kayleigh McNelis  
*Who Made Ocean, Earth and Sky?*.....arr. Compton

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps with Rev. Cyd.*)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Helzerman Houser  
*Morning Has Broken*

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder: We come again to celebrate resurrection!  
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

PEOPLE: **DEATH HAS NO POWER OVER US.  
CHRIST GOES BEFORE US IN THE NEW LIFE GOD OFFERS.**

Elder: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!  
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

PEOPLE: **OUR HEARTS ARE GLAD, OUR SOULS REJOICE.  
GOD SHOWS US THE PATH OF LIFE.**

Elder: Again, Jesus says to us; Peace be with you.  
Come to receive life in Christ's name.

UNISON: **WE REJOICE IN GOD'S AMAZING GOOD NEWS.  
IN GOD'S PRESENCE, WE FIND FULLNESS OF JOY.**

WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 56 (*vs. 1 children, vs. 2,4,5 all*)  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST .....Ivy Kelly

### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you. Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray as He taught us, saying, "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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (*pg 983*) .....1 Peter 1:3-9

ANTHEM.....arr. Gaither  
*He Touched Me*

SECOND READING (*pg 882*) .....John 20:19-31

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill  
*Reach Out Your Hand*

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. East West  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We rejoice in the inheritance you have given us, O God, and delight in sharing it with others. You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. We want others to experience what we have begun to realize in company with one another and with you. To that end, bless all of the offerings of this day. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46

### COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 230 (*vs. 1,3*)  
*Now the Green Blade Rises*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Lois Pyles

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Kahl  
*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed.  
You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 717**

***Let All Things Now Living***

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**BENEDICTION**

**LEADER:** Reach out your hand, Thomas, and touch the teenager sold into slavery in India; the child born into poverty in Hampton Roads.

**PEOPLE:** **Christ was wounded for our transgressions. Upon him was the punishment that made us whole.**

**LEADER:** And now he sends us, to place our hands at the side of those who need healing, forgiveness and peace.

**UNISON:** **We go, joined with Christ through flesh and spirit. We believe in him, our Lord and our God! Alleluia and Amen!**

**TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Cindy Wallace, Emily Nutting, William Brown, Pam Brown

*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that  
you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.  
See you next Sunday!*



***Bread of Life Ministry***

*We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors.  
Please indicate your presence during worship.*



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# *Reach Out Your Hand*



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