

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**April 15, 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome, Announcements**

**Hymn Introduction** “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” (O Waly Waly) Chancel Choir

**Prelude** “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” (O Waly Waly)

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We come to praise our Caring Creator:

**People:** **Who transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary.**

**Leader:** We gather to grow through Jesus Christ:

**People:** **Who transforms strangers into neighbors.**

**Leader:** We unite to acknowledge the presence of God’s Spirit:

**People:** **Who transforms our loneliness into love.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 469** “Morning Has Broken”

**Prayer of the Day (Unison)**

**Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God’s forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. *(Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)***

In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

God’s promises are sure: our sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** In forgiveness, we find peace. In that spirit, let us share the peace of the Lord with each other. The Peace of the Lord be with you!

**People:** **And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with each other.

**Chancel Choir** "Just As I Am" Dixon

**Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading** 1 John 3:1-7

**Second Scripture Reading** Luke 24:36b-48

**Sermon** "Who R U?"

**\*Confession of Faith** (from the Confession of Belhar)

**We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need... that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn No. 335** "Though I May Speak"

**Offering, Offertory** "How Great Thou Art"

**\*Doxology No. 592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn No. 339** "Be Thou My Vision"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Source for Liturgy is "Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1"

## Announcements—April 15

**PW Horizons Bible Study Circle** meets tomorrow, Monday, April 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the church library. Caroline Smith will lead our discussion of Lesson 7, “In Community with the Hope for the Future” from our study book, *CLOUD OF WITNESSES: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. All members and friends are welcome to join us.

**Vote for your favorite paint color** — The exterior of the church will be painted in June and everyone has a chance to select the color. Paint swatches are numbered on the wall outside the front entrance. Only \$1 a vote! Choose your favorite and place your dollar(s) in the jars in the narthex. Vote often!

**Pastor Michael and Denise Moore** are away on a mini-sabbatical from April 10 through April 24. Rev. Dr. Tim McLemore is covering Sunday worship services while they are gone. They appreciate the continued love, support, and prayers from the congregation.

**Pray for one another.** As a church family, we are one in Christ. Many of us, including family and friends, may be suffering, ill, grieving, troubled, or in need. We can support one another with prayer. If you or a loved one would like to be prayed for and added to the prayer list on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, please contact Pastor Michael or the church office.

***DID YOU KNOW?*** You can send a question about the website, offer suggestions and corrections, and submit material, including pictures, right from the website itself. See the Quick Link called *Website Questions and Corrections* under the Contact page. **Web address:** [pccrusa.org](http://pccrusa.org)

**Scripture readings** for Sunday, April 22 are *Psalms 23* and *John 10:11-18*. You are invited to reflect on these readings during the week.

**Please sign** the attendance register found at the end of the pew and pass it along to your neighbor. We are glad you are here!

**Today's Worship Participants:**

*Rev. Dr. Tim McLemore, Preaching*

*Rev. Dr. Tim McLemore, Pianist*

*Lisa Plaut, Liturgist*

*Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director*

*Patti Dolezal, Handbell Director*

*Jack and Jan Boatman, Greeters*

*Contemporary Christian Writers, Fellowship Hosts*