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Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God;

and that is what we are!

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

***What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed,
we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.***

* Hymn 245

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***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 Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Response 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 24:36-49 (NT, p. 91)

Psalter: Psalm 4 (Hymnal 776)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Acts 3:12-26 (NT, p. 120)

Sermon: "The Best Way to Overcome Ignorance"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: What the Risen Lord Says to His Church

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 246 "Christ is Alive!"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Christ, all people here below! Praise Holy Spirit evermore!

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

- * All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Jack and Diane Scheuer to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jack's parents, John and Betty Scheuer.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Alan Baker
Ushers	Drew Taylor, Ginny O'Brien
Welcomer	Steuart Bailey



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Luke 24:36-49

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 3:12-26

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to

release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out of the people.' And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, 'And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."