

11:00 a.m.

**Third Sunday of Easter**

April 15, 2018

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

\*Hymn 455

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

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\*Expressing Our Joy

Reece H. Smith

*Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve;*

**People: We choose the living God.**

*Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life;*

**People: We will walk the way of Christ.**

*Leader: Faith is not our holding on;*

**People: Faith is letting go.**

*Leader: We offer you more than words, God;*

**People: We offer you our lives.**

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Christ Jesus, we share the strengths and frailties of your first disciples. We share their devotion to you. We share their weaknesses: we do not fully trust in your power to heal and to save. Nor do we believe that we share in these gifts. We find your words cloaked in riddle and parable, your actions hard to understand. Yet, Lord, you love us and continually call us to your side. Cleanse our hearts of selfishness and fear; give us the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten age and younger may leave the Sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

\*Hymn 435

**We All Are One in Mission**

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Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 816 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

**Let There Be Peace On Earth**

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Miller  
arr. Craig Courtney

John 4:7-12 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 226 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

**"The Common Good"**

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

\*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and **Gloria Patri**

Ministry of Prayer

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that we may get to know one another.)

Offertory

\*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592)

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\*Prayer of Dedication 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.***

\*Hymn 425

**Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**Amen**

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those that are able, please stand.