

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

11:00 AM

GATHERING, PRELUDE, Just as I Am, Without One Plea 357
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP FotW

Followers of Jesus,
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin;
By his rising we are free from the fear of death;
By his love we are made new
in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

HYMN: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133
(What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION by Ashley Mertz (PO)

**Holy Creator, reveal yourself to us
in the reading and proclamation of your Word.
Give us ears to hear your voice, eyes that see you among us,
and hearts that are willing to follow where you lead.
In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24: 13–35 & Colossians 2:6-10

CHOIR: Just A Closer Walk with Thee 2158
CONFESSION FotW

Acts 2: 40
Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption:
power disguises itself as truth;
convenience masquerades as goodness;
selfish pleasure imitates love.**

**We confess to you, O God, that we have been
caught in the web of the world's sin.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions and
free us for glad obedience,
that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection
and receive the promise of everlasting life.**

{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE

Acts 2

Peter proclaimed, "Repent and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Alleluia! Amen.

EASTER SERMON SERIES Embracing an Adverbial Faith
Week 2: Disciples Empowered by the Holy Spirit

HYMN: When peace, like a river, attendeth my way 377

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR GIFTS FotW
Ps. 116: 12
Bountiful are God's gifts to us. In gratitude,
let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

DOXOLOGY 95

PRAYER by Ashley Mertz (PO)

**Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from
you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure
we have offered today will work for the good of the world,
so that your love will be known not just in word but in action.
In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 540

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING via Discipleship Ministries
We go out in the blessing of the Holy Spirit
who empowers and inspires us to cooperate with God's grace
and join in the work of building God's kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen

POSTLUDE Victory in Jesus 370

Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

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Scriptures:

Acts 2: 14a, 36–41

1 Peter 1: 17–23

Psalms 116: 1–4, 12–19

Luke 24: 13–35

Questions for Reflection:

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were with Jesus for hours as he taught them the meaning of the Scriptures.

However, they finally recognized him as the risen Lord only in “the breaking of the bread.”

How does the Lord’s Supper enable you to recognize Jesus?

Morning Prayers:

Lord Jesus, your rising from tomb heralds
the dawning of life eternal
as the dawning of this day
holds the possibilities of life anew.

Open my eyes to the signs of your resurrection and confirm in my heart the power of your amazing love,
that I may with confidence sing “Alleluia.” Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Loving God, you have upheld me with your love
even when I have not been aware of your presence.

As I rest from my labors
let me sleep without fear of darkness or death and rise refreshed
to begin a new day in humble service,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Scriptures for Next Week -

Special Series: Mark 12:28-34, Lev. 19:9-18, John 13:34-35

Lectionary: Acts 2: 42–47

1 Peter 2: 19–25

Psalms 23

John 10: 1–10



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