

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"O Breath of God"

O Breath of God come fill this place; revive our hearts to know your grace and from our slumber make us rise, that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in you and give to us the Bread of Life; that we may know the risen Christ.

O Love of God so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name. Let us reflect your sacrifice, that we may know the risen Christ.

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Welcome

Our Student Assistant, Tae Hur, is focusing today on the special greeting that Jesus gives his disciples after his resurrection. Before Jesus went to be with God, he appeared to his disciples and three times he says to them, "Peace be with you." Where or when do you feel most peaceful? It may be when you are comfortable in your bed, drifting off to sleep. It may be when you sit with a special person. It may be when you are exercising, or sitting quietly listening to the rain, or lying on your back in the sunshine looking at the clouds. Peace is such an important word and it is something that Jesus offers to each one of us. It is an unquantifiable gift from him. *-Pastor Karl*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing

*Alleluia, alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

O rushing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven along,

*O praise Him, Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,

*Alleluia, Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright, providing us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,

*Sing praises, Alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who repent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, so that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness. Grant us peace and free us from fear for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near.

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Time with the Children (Kids spell Love T-I-M-E)

Prayers of the People & 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.

Prayer Response #291

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name! Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors

were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

Sermon

"Peace Be with You"

A Profession of Faith—based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

**This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #675

"I Believe in Jesus"

*I believe in Jesus, I believe he is the Son of God.
I believe he died and rose again. I believe he paid for us all.
And I believe that he's here now, standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.
I believe in you Lord, I believe you are the Son of God.
I believe you died and rose again, I believe you paid for us all.
And I believe that you're here now, standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.*

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!



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