

Welcome to  
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Sunday Worship Service — Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 10:30am

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,  
**and by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**HYMN**

"The Strife Is O'er" PH #119

**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**

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. Amen.

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard.  
God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

**RESPONSE**

"Because He Lives" SPW #123

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## PRAYER OF 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.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

## ANTHEM

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” SLUC Choir

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-48

## SERMON

“The Day the Son Came Out”  
Rev. Larry Maffett

## HYMN

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” PH#310

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” PH #428 v.1

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## POSTLUDE