

April 18, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Lee Robirds

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing
Melissa Sizemore, guest organist

H. Willan

*Call to Worship

Charlie Maloney, UMM President

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God. Give thanks to God's holy name.

People: **Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day. Thank God for healing and ever-present help.**

Leader: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat. Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

People: **God sees and hears our weeping. God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.**

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing. Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

People: **We have cried to you in our need, O God. We believe you are working to make us whole.**

*Hymn No. 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Page 155 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Prayer to the Trinity
Chancel Choir

Michael Bedford

Epistle Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Lord, Forever At Thy Side

H. Willan

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Myra Shaffer

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*†Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-19

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Gone Fishing"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More Love To Thee

*Benediction

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

The Day Hath Dawned

J. S. Bach

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided