



The Celebration of Worship

April 18, 2021 Third Sunday in Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Aaron Westendorp
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Aaron Westendorp

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

People: Who was anointed by the spirit of God to bring good news to the poor.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

People: Who was crucified by the keepers of order for heeding the summons of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

People: Who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit for bringing the reign of God to earth.

All: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer!

Confession Prayer

Aaron Westendorp

Leader: O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of Yours, that mistakes our wisdom for Yours, and equates our will with Yours.

People: Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Aaron Westendorp

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Amen!

Response to God's Forgiveness

Aaron Westendorp

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Aaron Westendorp

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Veronica Gould

Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Aaron Westendorp

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Psalm Reading: 4:6-8

Miyo Uchida

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only You, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 3:12-19

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Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

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Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Sermon

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“You Are Witnesses...Yes You”

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

*“Change My Heart, O God”**Time for silent reflection.***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Aaron Westendorp

Doxology

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All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Aaron Westendorp

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”***Benediction**

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Response: “Shalom”

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Online Greeter

May Lee

Coffee Hour

Mariners