

# Third Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" UMH # 145

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

The day has dawned.

**Sing a new song!**

Christ is alive.

**Rejoice in new life!**

With open minds and Easter faith,

**come to worship God!**

\*HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH # 57

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**Feed us with your word, Jesus. With new perspectives, and a vision of your presence, refresh our hearts this day. Be present in our midst, that we might hear your voice and respond to your call. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

**When we deny you, and follow paths that destroy... Forgive us, Christ Jesus. When we hide our eyes, and neglect your truth... Forgive us, Christ Jesus. When we miss your presence in our very midst... Forgive us, Christ Jesus. Feed us with your grace, merciful one. Nourish us with a new perspective, that we might see you in our very lives, and nourish your world with love. In your gracious name, we pray. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we have borne the long night of suffering and sorrow, joy comes with the dawn of God's mercy. The light of the Risen Christ shines with the dawn. Rejoice in this Easter promise! We are forgiven and given new life in Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

**John 21:1-14 (NRSV)**

- 1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way.
- 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."
- 6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea.
- 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
- 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.
- 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

MESSAGE "Let Us Return to Galilee!" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

\* HYMN "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH # 344

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION UMH # 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**With your love, holy Shepherd, help us to love your world. With your nourishment, help us feed your world. With your guidance, help us care for your world, all of its peoples, and all of its creatures. With these gifts, bring new life where it is needed most. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH # 377

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Change My Heart, O God"



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Jesus Appears on Lake Tiberias, 1308-1311, Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Altarpiece, Siena, Italy

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\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.