

May 1, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 383 - Today's opening hymn is inspired by the Epistle lesson. "Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls" celebrates all the faithful who follow Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 172 - "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult" Though written in the mid 1800s, this hymn is as relevant today as 170 years ago. The closing verse says "Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all."

Confession of Sin

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles – Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Baptism – Samuel Roberts

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) "Wanna Be More Like Jesus" by Worshiphouse Kids

Children's Sermon

Lesson from the Revelation to John – Revelation 5:11-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - NCH 765 - Today's offertory celebrates Jesus as Savior. The text includes "You're my Savior, You are worthy, I will praise you, ALLELUIA!"

Doxology

Gospel Lesson – John 21:1-19

Sermon

Communion

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 305 - As the title states, "You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim." encourages the listener to take name of Jesus and spread it far and wide. It closes with "All honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing and infinite love."

Benediction

Postlude

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