



3rd Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021



THE VILLAGE CHURCH
— JOINING GOD'S MISSION —

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise and Prayer

God So Loved

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash
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There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

Brandon Lake, Kristian Stanfill, and Jonathan Smith
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Prayer of Confession

Kids' Time

Announcements

Minute for Ministry

Small Group Testimony

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Water Walking

Offering

Oceans

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Ligthelm
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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Stand in Your Love

Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, and Rita Springer
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Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

(Dale Wood)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

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Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#831

(Verses 1-3)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest, Here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! Hear the sinful cry to You from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice,

"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
As you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
where your ancestors tested me;
They tried me, though they had seen what I did.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are women and men of little faith. You call us to step out of the comfortable life we built and follow you, but we find this difficult to do. Despite the fact you said we can move mountains if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we are still not convinced of the faith given to us through the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust in your calming presence and ever forgiving grace that frees us from our sinful tendencies. Help us to remember that following you doesn't guarantee an easy life. Help us to step into the deep waters of life knowing you are with us. Help us to live by the faith we have received from you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

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.

Minute for Ministry

Small Group Testimony

Anthem

Hear My Cry, O God

César Franck

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Water Walking

Offering

Suite for Organ: IV. Ayre

(G.P. Telemann)

Closing Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

#443

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on “Thine is the Glory”

(Gordon Young)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Worship Leader
Small Group Testimony
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People (9:30)
Worship Band (9:30)
Soloist (11:00)
Pianist (9:30)
Director of Music
Organist/Pianist (11:00)
Audio/Visual Team
Szamaranszky

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
Kacky Buell
Sherry Maloney (9:30)
Cheryl Guth (11:00)
Gerri Kirby
Matt Parks, Ellen Westel
Erin Carney
Jim Peterson
Ruth G. Heald
Sharon Peterson
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Questions for Reflection

Opening Discussion:

- What is something that you were always scared to do, but eventually did because you were with people you trusted?

Digging Deeper:

- Read Matthew 14:22-34.
- What does Jesus do with the disciples at the beginning of this passage? Why do you think he does it? (See verses 22-24.)
- What happens to the disciples on their voyage across the Sea of Galilee? What does Jesus do next? How did the disciples respond? Why do you think they responded that way, How does Jesus answer them? (See verses 25-27.)
- When Peter sees and hears Jesus, what is his first response? Is this how you would have responded? Why or why not? (See verses 28-29.)
- Why is Peter at first able to walk on water? And why does he begin to sink? (See verses 29-31)
- When Peter began to sink, what does he do next and how does Jesus respond? (v.31)
- How did this experience shape the other disciples' view of Jesus? (v. 32-33)

Life Application:

- Describe a time in your life where you felt without a doubt that you could not have done it without the power of Jesus and staying focused on him.
- Do you sense the Lord calling you to do something that seems beyond your abilities?
- When the “wind and waves of life” are on the rise in your life, how do you normally respond? Are you more fearful or more bold?
- How has focusing on Jesus in your life enabled you to overcome challenges and difficulties that have come your way?

Suggestions for Prayer:

- Pray for boldness to step out in faith when you sense the Lord's leading.
- Pray for Jesus to catch you in those parts of your life where you feel like you are sinking.
- Pray that the perfect love of Jesus would cast out all fear in your life and bring the peace that passes all understanding.