



4th Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021



Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

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

Graves into Gardens

Music by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hammer
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Prayer of Confession

Offering

Goodness of God

Music by Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson
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Confirmation Class of 2021

Confirmation Video

Presentation of the Confirmands

Questions for Membership

Sacrament of Baptism

Brooke West

Prayer of Blessing

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Confessing and Commissioning

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Do What You Want To

Music by Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, and Jason Ingram
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Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude Prelude on “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (Henry Kihlken)

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Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #575

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Responsive Reading Psalm 78:1-7

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—**

Things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from their descendants
We will tell the next generation**

The praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
His power, and the wonders he has done.

**He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children**

So the next generation would know them,

and they in turn would tell their children.
**Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget
his deeds but would keep his commands.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

(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.

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Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me

(Richard Wienhorst)

Doxology

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#772

Benediction

Postlude

Alleluya
(William Faulkes)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Announcements
Worship Leader/Liturgist
Confirmation Class
Scripture Reader
Prayers of the People (9:30)
Pianist (9:30)
Worship Band (9:30)

Director of Music
Organist (11:00)
Audio/Visual Team

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
Ed Burton Minister of Youth and Family Ministries
Rich Blue (9:30)
Lois Morris
Jim Peterson
Renate Graham, Deb Valkenaar, Matt Parks,
Jay Charlesworth (guitar)
Ruth G.Heald
Sharon Peterson
Matt Morgan, Colin Cyphers, Kyle Johnston,
Barunka Szamaranszky

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Reflection Questions

Opening Discussion:

- Describe a time in your life when a person or group of people were mistaken about who you really were.

Digging Deeper:

- Read Matthew 16:13-20.
- What two questions does Jesus ask at the beginning of this passage? (See verses 13-15). Why do you think Jesus asks these questions, how are they different from one another, and why are they significant?
- What is the difference between what people said about Jesus and what Simon Peter said? What is the difference between the prophets and the Messiah? (See verses 14, 16)
- In verse 17, why does Jesus commend Simon and give him the name Peter which means “rock?”
- When Jesus says, “On this rock I will build my church,” what is he really referring to? Is he speaking about Peter himself, or his profession about who Jesus is, or something else?

Life Application:

- Why is your personal view about Jesus important?
- Explain which is more important a disciple’s life and why: their thoughts about who Jesus is or their public profession about him?
- If you could only use three titles of Jesus to describe him to someone else, what would you use?
- How in the past week have you experienced the Lord as the *living* God?

Suggestions for Prayer:

- Pray to God to broaden your view of who Jesus is, and commit to him as the Lord over your life.
- Pray for the Church that it would continue to grow and strengthen as people put their faith in Jesus Christ.