

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.

"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" Acts 10:47

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Bobbi Hunter

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain... Wilbur Held
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Lou Pennebaker

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 229
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Lou Pennebaker

Loving God, You create us in love, redeem us in love, sustain us in love - all of humankind. We find it difficult to embrace the wideness in your mercy. Forgive us when we fail to welcome, or reach out to, those we think of as "other." Transform our fears. Give us courage to follow the way of Jesus. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who wish may stand.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Bob Kraut
Acts 10:1-16 pg. 1708

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Reach Out and Touch... Charles F. Brown
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 1708
Acts 10:17-20, 23, 27-29a, 34-35, 44-48

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Charie Reid
"Draw the Circle Wide"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE See next page
You Made Us in Your Image

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN No. 108
Christ Is Alive!

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal
Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE Bobbi Hunter
Postlude on "Victory"... Wilbur Held

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