

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 18, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE *If Thou Be Near - J. S. Bach, Arr. by R. Thurston*

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *All hail the power of Jesus name No. 363*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN *Make me a channel of your peace No. 740*

PEACE OF CHRIST

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Complete In Thee - B. Nyce, Arr. by A. Potter*

PSALM 4

ACTS 3:11-21

HYMN *From heaven you came helpless babe No. 379*

LUKE 24:36-48

SERMON "Saving through suffering"

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *O Light Divine - G. F. Handel, Arr. by W. S. Sheppard*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN *Lord, speak to me No. 767*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Trio No. 3 - G. Druschetzky,
Arr. by R. C. Dishinger*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:

All: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.

One: When we toss and turn late at night:

All: God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.

One: When we stumble through the shadows of sin:

All: God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

All: We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN

SENDING

One: Go now, to be God's children in the world.

All: We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.

One: Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

All: We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.

One: Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

All: We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them.