

Worship Outline
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
“Easter Perspective”

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| Prelude “Christ Arose” | Mindy Vodde |
| Welcome and Announcements Food Pantry | Pastor Heather Muriel Muth |
| Lighting of the Christ Candle Honoring many years of grass cutting. | Bruce Lake |
| Opening Prayer O Mighty God you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord’s resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. | Rob Dukarski |
| All God’s Children Time | Rob Dukarski |
| Scripture Psalm 116: 1-4 CEB | Rob Dukarski |
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| 116 I love the LORD because he hears my requests for mercy. ² I’ll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me. ³ Death’s ropes bound me; the distress of the grave ^[a] found me— I came face-to-face with trouble and grief. ⁴ So I called on the LORD’s name: “LORD, please save me!” ^[b] | |
| Call to Prayer “Easter People Raise Your Voices” Hymnal 304 | Mindy Vodde |
| Prayer Updates | Pastor Heather |

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Pastor Heather

Forgive us, Lord, for our limited vision. We confess that we have been timid in the face of challenge and that in our spirits we have failed to follow the way of Easter. Sometimes we live as if death rather than life were the last word. Lift our hearts and our minds to the Easter heights that we might join the mighty chorus of apostles and profess to witness to your glory, grace, and strength. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance

Pastor Heather

Hear the Easter news as if for the first time. Christ is Risen from the dead! See with new light and new life. All things are now possible. Hallelujah!

Special Music "Quiet River"

Jim Mast

Offertory Prayer

Rob Dukarski

There is no way O God that we can repay you for what you have done for us in Jesus Christ, for what you continue to do for us day by day. Our gifts are but the tokens of children to a parent, to say, "We love you God." Amen.

Gospel Lesson Scripture 1 Peter 1:17-23 CEB

Pastor Heather

¹⁷ Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. ¹⁸ Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. ¹⁹ Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. ²⁰ Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, ²¹ who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

²² As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly. ²³ Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

Sermon "Easter Perspective"

Pastor Heather

Closing Prayer

Pastor Heather

We are the people of Easter. We have been given a new perspective. Let us show the resurrection power through deeds of love and mercy. May our vision be clear and our hearts hold strong as we let Christ shine in, on our lives. Amen

Postlude "That Joyous Easter Morning"

Mindy Vodde

Sermon: Pastor Heather

Liturgist: Rob Dukarski

Greeters: Andy and Doni Dukarski

Usher: Bruce Lake

Sound Techs: Jean Adkins and Jean St. John

