

*God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, The Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family*



*The Third Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord!*

April 23, 2023 – 10:00am

**Prelude.....Music Ministry**

**Doxology**      *Praise God from whom all blessing flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Call to Worship.....Pastor Ronald Sterling**

**Minister:**      I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**People:**      **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**Minister:**      For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**People:** They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

**Minister:** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

**People:** But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**Minister:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

**People:** O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!

**Hymn of Celebration....."Amazing Grace!"**

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

Praise God!

**Prayer.....Rev. Xavier Beasley**

**Prayer Response....."Blessed Quietness"**

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness,  
What assurance in my soul!  
On the stormy sea, He speaks to me,  
How the billows cease to roll!*

**Scripture.....Rev. Sherri Radney**  
**Act 2:22-32 (ESV)**

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

**Introit to the Decalogue** (*Let us stand for the Decalogue*)

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise:  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue*

**The Summary of the Decalogue.....Sister LaToria Ransom**

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Gloria Patri** (*Seat the people after singing*)

*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.*

**Pastor's Words and Greetings to Visitors**

**Blessing of the Offertory** (*Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent*)

**Sermonic Selection.....Music Ministry**

**Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day, He arose from the Dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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**Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling**