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**INDEPENDENCE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 1, 2022



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*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

~ John 14:6

## ~ GATHERING ~

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from 1 John 3:2)*

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
when Christ is revealed, we will see him as he is.

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 30)*

We sing praises to you, O Holy One,  
for you have healed us and brought us back to life.

O faithful ones, give thanks to God's holy name.

**Weeping may linger, but joy comes with the dawn.**

God has turned our mourning into dancing.

**Let us sing praises to the God of life!**

We cannot be silent, O Holy One, our God,

**We will give thanks to you forever.**

Come, let us worship God.

#### \*HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

GTG #450

Irish ballad

SLANE

### CHILDREN OF GOD

**All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.**

### POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, son of the Living God, how many times have we betrayed, abandoned and denied you? You welcome and forgive us, nonetheless. Let us not be driven away from you in shame or hide from you fearing full exposure. Welcome us once again, forgive us and redeem us. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

#### \*RESPONSE

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**ALLELUIA**

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!**

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

2 KINGS 5:1-15

(NRSV)

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 14:6

(NRSV)

**SERMON**

BE BLESSED ON GOD'S TERMS

Rev. Luke Choi

**RESPONSE**

AMEN

GTG #600

African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day  
he rose again 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 Ghost; the holy  
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS**

...Therefore, we praise you, joining all of creation, singing:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARIST HYMN**

**YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL**  
by Dennis L. Jernigan

GTG #519  
JERNIGAN

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

~ **SENDING** ~

**HYMN**

**I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY**  
by Daniel L. Schutte

GTG #69  
HERE I AM

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



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