



*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

Large print hymnals, large print bulletins, service script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Centering Words:

We think we know what will happen and how things will turn out.
But then God's Spirit surprises us. Trust the Spirit at work in you now.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land" Chancel Choir
Daniel Charles Damon

***Call to Worship** Jerry Jones

Sing praises to God, you people of faith.
We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.
Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.
Praise God, who clothes us with joy.
Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!
We give thanks our God, today and always.

***Opening Prayer**

Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise.
We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH#173

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Jerry Jones

Loving God, we can be so sure that we know what is best.
We head into life following our own dreams.
Interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace, that we may gain new vision.
When despair and sadness overwhelm us, and when hope fails us, teach us to dance to the music of your love.
Open us up, O God, that we may see your path, walk in deeper faith, and be loving witnesses of your glory. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

"In Remembrance of Me"

TFWS#2254

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading**

John 21:1-19

Jerry Jones

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. **2** Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3** Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." **6** He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7** That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." **16** A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." **19** (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reflecting on God's Message

"Back Where it All Began"

Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Offertory Anthem

“Holy is the Lord“

By Twila Paris

Pastor Ed

Chancel Choir

Invitation of the Offering

Pastor Ed

Offertory Music

Harlan Otter

Offering Prayer

Pastor Ed

O God, you have power and wisdom and might.

You deserve honor and glory.

We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, to offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people. Amen.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn**

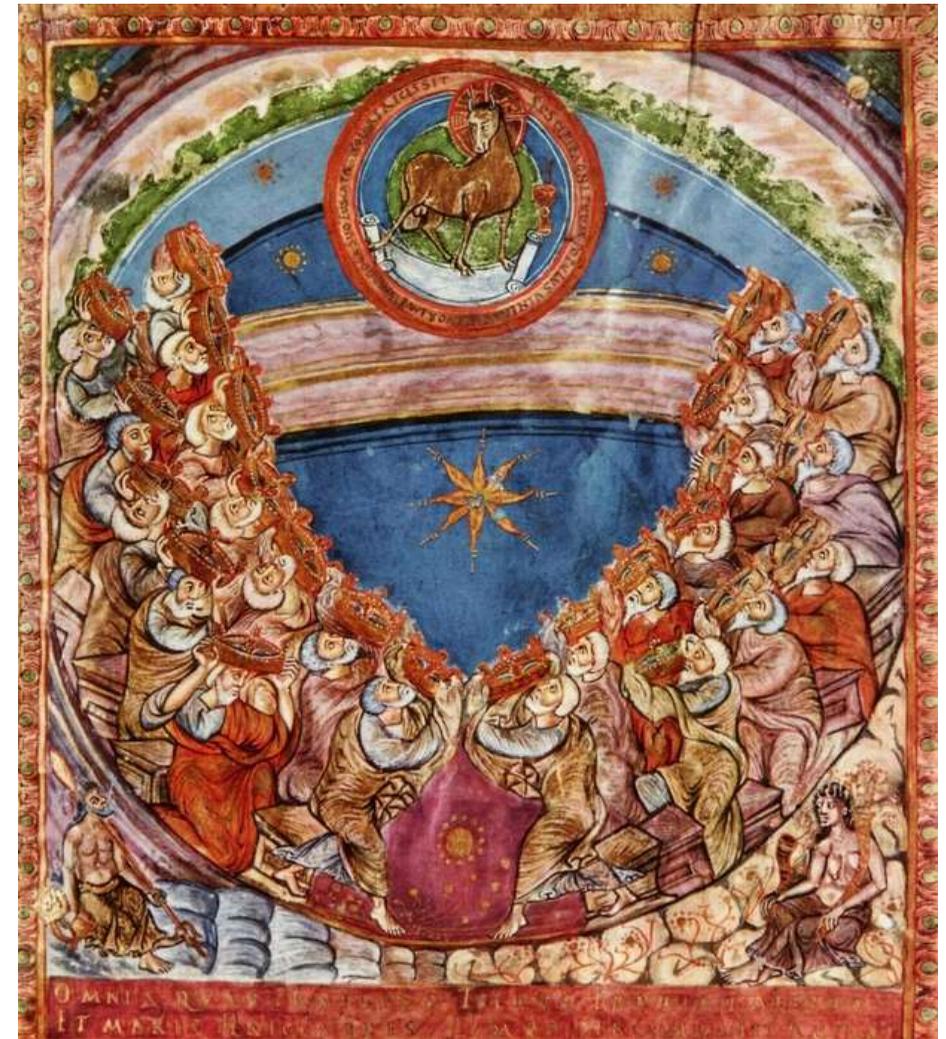
“More Love To Thee O Christ”

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Benediction

Postlude

Harlan Otter



* Adoration of the Lamb, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

Third Sunday of Easter | 5.1.2022 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

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