

Wesley Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

* please stand as you are willing and able.
Please respond where the print is in **Bold**.

Gathering as People of God

Hymn Sing
Highlighted Announcements

Anthem: We Are Not Alone - Pepper Choplin

Opening to Divine Presence

Acknowledgement of Land

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 4, *The Message*)

One: When we call to our Creator, we expect answers!

All: God, take our side. Once in a tight place, you gave us room; Next time we are in trouble again: give us grace! Hear us!

One: The rabble out there sometimes will scorn us. How long must we take their abuse? How long will we live in a culture that lusts after lies? How long must we live in a society that is crazed by illusion?

All: Look at this: look. Who got picked by God! God listens the split second we call.

One: We have learned to complain but we know it is better not to lash out. We have been working on keeping our mouth shut and letting our hearts do the talking.

All: We build our case before God and wait for God's response.

Hymn: The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended
(#437, Voices United)

Invocation Prayer:

One: Why is everyone hungry for *more*?

All: "More, more," they say. "More, more."

One: We have God's more-than-enough.

All: More joy in one ordinary day than all of the shopping sprees you could imagine.

One: At day's end, we are ready for sound sleep.

All: For in God we have put our lives back together. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation:** This is the Day That God Has Made
(#175, Voices United)

(Children to come forward during the last verse)

Reflecting on Holy Wisdom

Children's Time: What to do with Mystery

Scripture Reading: - Moraig Waite
Luke 24:33-48 - Jesus invites the disciples to touch his hands and feet.

This is the Wisdom of God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Living with Questions ~ Michele Braniff

Responding to God's Call

Moment for Individual Meditation

Hymn of Response: Love Devine, All Loves Excelling
(#333, Voices United)

Offertory Prayer:

One: God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Bless the offering we make and multiply the benefit and impact as Jesus' blessed and multiplied the loaves and fishes.

All: We give these gifts in faith of God's blessing and in trust of the stewards who we have selected. We give these gifts, as we live our lives, knowing that we are not in complete control and willing to surrender and trust God and our community through the Grace and love of God. Amen.

Offertory Music: You Raise Me Up - Arr. by Tom Fettke

Sung Response: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New
(#115, More Voices)

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,) I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,) I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer: (sung) (#959, Voices United)

Going Forth to Share the Good News

***Hymn of Mission:** As Comes the Breath of Spring
(#373, Voices United) v.1,2,4

***Commissioning & Benediction**

***Leaving Song:** You are Holy (#45, More Voices)
You are holy, you show us the way, (2x).
You show us, you show us, you show us the way, (2x).

***The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service.
Go In Peace! Amen.***