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Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m. April 15, 2018
The Order of Worship

Song of Gathering

And can it be?

see insert

Community Announcements

(Please take the black welcome folder located at the end of your pew, fill it out and pass it to the next person. When the folder has reached the end of the pew, please return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you so that you can greet them. After the offertory, ushers will collect the welcome folders.)

Prelude

Rejoicing, HWV 351, No. 4

George Frideric Handel

+Call to Worship

We are called to be God's children.
**God's love has been poured on us
through Jesus Christ!**
Fear and doubt are gone!
**Joy and Celebration ring
in our hearts!**
Come, let us raise our voices in song!
**Let us offer our hearts and souls
to God in prayer and praise. Amen.**

+Entrance Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done

No. 306 (UMH)

+Opening Prayer

*(+ indicates congregation standing as able
UMH = red hymnal, TFW'S = supplement)*

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19
 (Pew Bible NT p. 120)

(Following the reading, the leader says "This is the word of God for the people of God;" the people respond "**Thanks be to God.**")

+Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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(Sing once before and once after the Gospel reading)

+Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48
 (Pew Bible NT p. 91)

(Following the Gospel reading, the leader says "Hear what the Spirit says to the church"; the people respond "**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**")

Time With Children

(Children ages 3 years thru 4th grade are invited to 3rd floor Children's Chapel after Time with Children. Please make sure your child is signed into Chapel and picked up immediately after worship. 5th and 6th grade students [Connect 56] pick up worship sheet and stay in worship with family).

Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

see insert

Sermon

From Grief Comes a Church: Author of Life

Prayers of the People

*Prayers, whether spoken or unspoken, may be written on the yellow prayer request card and placed in the offering plate. In our petitions, we pray for each other, the world, and ourselves, and after the leader says “**God in your mercy,**” the people respond with “**Hear our Prayer.**”*

+The Peace (All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Worthy is the Lamb” from *Messiah*, HWV 56 Handel
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honor, glory and power,
be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. (Revelation 5: 12-14)

+Presenting Our Gifts to God

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . . No. 94 (UMH)

+Offertory Prayer

+Sending Hymn *Crown him with many crowns* No. 327 (UMH)

+Benediction

+Benediction Response “Amen” from *Messiah* Handel

Postlude *Grand Chœur alla Handel*, Op. 18, No. 1 Alexandre Guilmant

*After the service, Dean Francis will greet the congregation at the Hinman Avenue exit,
and Bonny Roth at the Fountain Foyer exit.*