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**If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.*

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SILENT MEDITATION: "You wake from dreams of doom and--for a moment--you know: beyond all the noise and the gestures, the only real thing, love's calm unwavering flame in the half-light of an early dawn."

-Dag Hammarskjöld

GATHERING MUSIC GREETING

PRELUDE

"Hosanna! Hallelujah!"

Lex de Azevedo

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

REGENT SQUARE

Easter people raise your voices Sounds of heaven in earth should ring
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices Heavenly music let it ring
Alleluia alleluia Easter people let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us From our pressing here below
For our Lord empowered us To triumph over every foe
Alleluia alleluia On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter With its resurrection song
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia alleluia See the power of heavenly throngs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The message of the Risen Christ rings out today.

All: We hear it in worship, in the world, and along the road of life.

One: This is a time of holy reflection and renewal.

All: We wait for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes and minds to see and understand.

One: Let us watch for the promised presence of Christ among us, wherever we may be.

All: We wait for the Holy Spirit to bring peace to our hearts.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of all comfort, we yearn for the comfort of your peace. We seek your presence and relish the joy which burns within our hearts when we encounter your Spirit. Yet, sometimes we are too distracted by our concerns that we fail to recognize you are present with us. Forgive us. Shine your light upon us as the Spirit dances among us and kindles the fires of our own spirits. Help us see Christ as he stands among us. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

**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. Amen.**

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Introit for Easter"
Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, John Kritos, Organ

Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Is This the Right Road?"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 317 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" (vs 1,2,5)

O FILII ET FILIAE

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise
to thee, in jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth"

G. F. Handel

*CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**God of all blessing, accept our offerings and our commitment to work together as your
people. Send out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon us. May our spirits continue to spring to
newness of life and may the continued ministry of our congregation bring to bloom and blossom the
joy-seeds planted within our hearts. Amen**

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 312 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" (vs 1-3)

LLANFAIR

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I'm Gonna Rise"

Paul Marsena

The Liturgist is Dan O'Neill.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TACOS AT THE TERRACE

Saturday, May 2nd, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Agape House at Blue Springs Terrace
312 SW 19th St Terr, Blue Springs, MO
Donations Accepted

Blue Springs Terrace is a residential retirement community for clergy of the
United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SHARING TABLE

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. There are Bibles and some old hymnals available if you would like to take one or even more.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

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