



Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

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Gathering

Meditation

Luke 24: 30-31

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Welcome and Sharing of the Good News of God's work among us

Prelude

Because He Lives-Bill & Gloria Gaither

Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Opening Prayer

We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.
Even though we aren't assembled in our church as one congregation,
we are together in spirit.

We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with
all God's people. Because when we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy
and peace grow!

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor and might be to
God forever and ever! Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Each of us believes that God already knows our sins and that He will forgive them if we come to Him and confess our and repent of our sins. Let us now take silent time to review our week and see where we have done wrong or not done the good that we could have done and confess to the Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is God's gift to us and the world so that we can know abundant life.

Bible Readings

Psalm 6; Acts 9: 1-9

Kay Jones

Children's Message and Blessing

Brenda DeRenzo

Today's Message

"Better Call Saul"

Jamie Barton

Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ. His only Son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into Heaven, and is seated

In the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy universal Church,

The communion of Saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Forth and Final Blessing

Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg.