

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

***THE GOSPEL IS READ**

Luke 24: 36b-48

***THE GOSPEL RESPONSE**

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

‘Who are you?’

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

“May God Bestow On Us His Grace”

S. Scheidt

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, you put love into human form in Jesus, who lived, died, and was raised to eternal life. Receive now these offerings that your grace may live today through the work of your church. We offer these gifts with our time, our commitment, and our love that the world may witness, without doubt that Christ is alive today. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Christ is alive and has met us here.
People: Now let us meet God’s Spirit among friends, strangers, and in all of creation.
Pastor: For God’s love lives today and forevermore. Amen.

***BENEDICTION RESPONS**

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

***RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

“Bind Us Together”

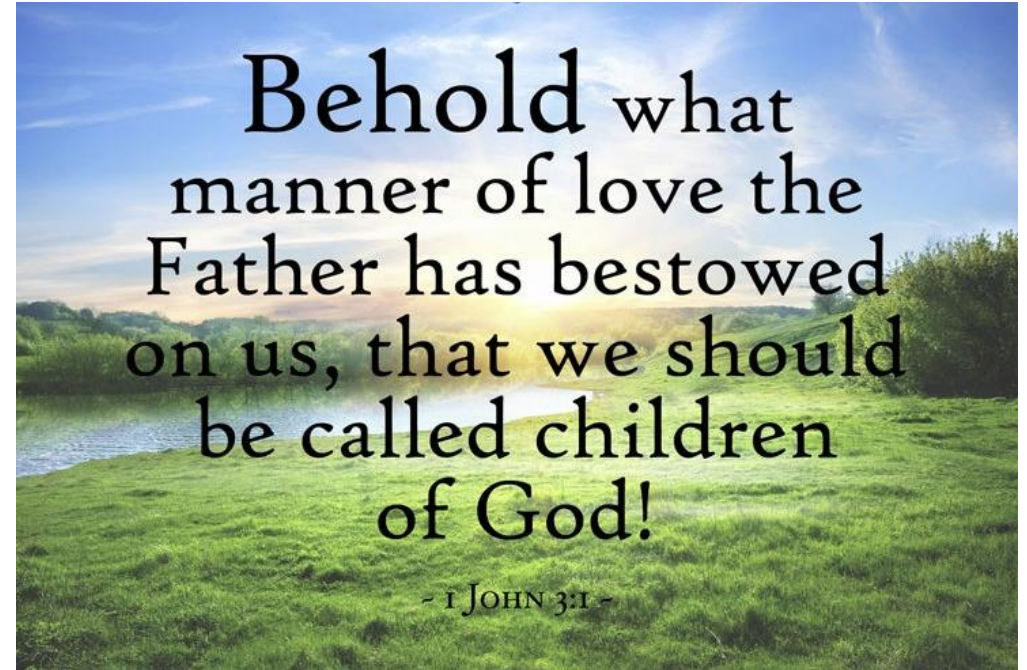
TFWS #2226

***POSTLUDE**

“Sing Praise To God”

L. Smith

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.
We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

April 18, 2021
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Order of Worship

CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Wake Awake For Night Is Flying" J.G. Walther
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: Fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud.
People: Huddled in the upper room, they spoke in soft whispers, afraid of the sound of their own voices.

HYMN "You Are Mine" TFWS #2218, v. 1
Pastor: Lightning flashed in their souls.
People: Christ, the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating with them, talking with them.

Pastor: Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.
People: Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again planted.

HYMN "You Are Mine" TFWS #2218, v. 2
Pastor: Where weakness, despair and shame once lived.
People: The Lord in his name gives us strength and healing.

HYMN "You Are Mine" TFWS #2218, v. 3
Pastor: Once we had no identity.
People: Now we are God's people who calls us by name.

HYMN "You Are Mine" TFWS #2218, v. 4

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

PRAISING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "We Are God's People" TFWS #2220

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are called to be God's children.
People: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!

Pastor: Fear and doubt are gone!
People: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Pastor: Come, let us raise our voices in song!
People: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

INTROIT "We Are the Body of Christ" TFWS #2227

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Kim Viehland

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our failure to be witnesses of God's life-changing grace and love.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140 v. 3

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON 1 John 3: 1-7

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL INTRO "Alleluia" No. 186