

The Third Sunday of Easter

9 AM Worship + April 18, 2021

Welcome

Prelude *Mediation from 'Thais* Julia Watts, violin J. Massenet

Call to Worship Sarah Tyson

Leader: Faith demands choice. By the grace of Christ, we can choose.

All: **We choose to believe that light is better than darkness, sharing is better than hoarding, truth is better than deceit, mercy is better than revenge, love is better than indifference, God is stronger than chaos.**

Leader: We choose to have faith in the God who is love and choice will verify itself on the long and narrow road of life.

All: **By grace, we choose to choose faith. Thanks be to God!**
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Gathering Hymn *Shine Jesus Shine* Amy Bowman, piano

¹ Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

² Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Repeat Chorus

³ As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Repeat Chorus

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Prayer of Confession Carrie Warner

God of grace—You ask us to care for the poor and the hungry, but that makes us uncomfortable. You ask us to care for the environment, but that requires sacrifice. You ask us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that requires vulnerability. Instead, we hide our hands, avert our eyes, and choose ourselves. Forgive us for holding tight to our own agendas and letting go of your call to love. Cultivate in us more faithful spirits—hearts that are strong enough to choose one another and minds smart enough to make the sacrifice. Forever grateful we pray, Amen.

Silence for personal confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness Carrie Warner

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Children's Sermon Kimberly Aikens

Song *What a Beautiful Name* Allie Swiger

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Scripture Acts 3:12-19 and Psalm 4
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Sermon *Sides of the Cross*

Josh Corsnitz

Song *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*

Katie Volkmann

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Sermon *Things to be Thankful for During COVID*

Julia Watts

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sara Tyson

And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

Call for Offering

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It's an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayers to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

Offertory Song *The Truth I'm Standing On*

Leanna Crawford

Kimberly and Sofia Aikens

Benediction Carrie Warner

Leader: Go out into the world in peace **All: Have Courage**

Leader: Hold onto what is good **All: Return no one evil for evil**

Leader: Strength the faint-hearted **All: Support the weak**

Leader: Help the suffering **All: Honor all persons**

Leader: Love and serve the Lord

All: Rejoicing in the poor of the Holy Spirit

Postlude Reprisal of *Shine Jesus Shine*



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Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

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April 25

9 AM in Fellowship Hall

11 AM in Sanctuary

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