

CHURCH ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD

3rd Sunday after Easter

April 22, 2012

***Indicates that the congregation stand**

+Choral responses are found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: The time has come to worship our God.

All: The time has come to lift our voices in praise and our hearts in thanksgiving.

One: We give thanks for the life-giving and nurturing love of God.

**All: We give thanks for God, who loves us unconditionally,
who loves us beyond our imagining.**

One: Let us come and worship, giving thanks to the God who calls us to be disciples.

All: Together, let us worship God!

***Hymn** *I Sing the mighty Power of God* *See Insert*

Opening Prayer

Author of life, you have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy, and words to proclaim your abiding love. You have set apart a people to worship you in thought, word, and deed, and through Christ you have numbered us in the midst of them. We sleep with the assurance that you will never forsake us and we awaken each day to the glory of your creating goodness. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit that our minds may be opened to your wisdom and our tongues boldly declare that you alone are God. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer (Debts)**

***+Gloria Patri**

***Old Testament Reading** **Psalm 13**

Children's Time/Children's Handbells

Ground Rules for mutual Communication

Special Music

Reception of the Offering and Organ Offertory

***+Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Dedication of Offering #351 (Sung in *unison*) We give Thee but Thine own, What e're the gift may be: All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O God, from Thee. Amen.

Remembering Our Past **Psalm 13**

Small and large group discussions

Prayer after discussion (from *My Heart in My Mouth* by Ted Loder "The Weave of Miracles," p. 28.)

Praise to you gracious God, for this day, this earth, this life, for the weave of miracles blessing us and for your quiet power sustaining us. We praise you for times of laughter and tears, risk and reconciliation, reflection and healing, and for the stubborn presence of your Spirit making it all sacred.

Praise be to you, awesome God, for the holy mysteries of our struggling and wondering, for our trials and triumphs, and all that moves us to awe, to love, to pray, to serve, since it is your Spirit that moves us so and is creating us still; through our Lord Jesus Christ . Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand #254

***Benediction**

***+Benediction Response**

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

Accompanist:

Ushers and Greeters:

-The Pastor will distribute a questionnaire that you are asked to complete before you leave today. If you wish to take it home, please bring it back next Sunday. The individual responses will be kept in confidence.

- There will be coffee hour following the service.