

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 6, 2008

*"I don't want the peace that passeth understanding,
I want the understanding that bringeth peace."*

Helen Keller

GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Jubilate, Servite

TAIZE

TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WITH PRAISE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In the darkness and emptiness of much we call life, the Spirit moves among us, calling us into new being.

ALL: We are here to seek light amid the shadows, fulfillment out of hollowness and despair.

ONE: From separation and bitterness, apathy and hatred, God, in Christ, calls us to steadfast love and reconciliation.

ALL: We have come to find healing and peace, to experience forgiveness, acceptance and purpose.

ONE: In the midst of the ordinary, God has come to us. In our everyday worlds, God continues to visit, redeem and reconcile.

ALL: Come, Jesus Christ, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 440

In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

TO CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, Unison

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION (*We pause now in silence to confess our personal sins before God*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from *Jeremiah 31:33-34*)

ONE: Hear the new agreement that the Lord makes with his people: "I will write my laws on their hearts and minds. I will be their God, and they will be my people. I will forgive their sins and forget the evil things they have done." Believe the Good News:

ALL: In Christ Jesus we are forgiven!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 12:1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

I John 4:7-21

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Thinking Beyond Ourselves

Ken Letterman

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ LITANY OF FAITH

ONE: Since we have the same spirit of faith as he who had written, "I believe and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak.

ALL: So we do not lose heart. Our inner nature is being renewed every day.

ONE: Knowing that the Lord God who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into God's presence.

ALL: So we do not lose heart. Our inner nature is being renewed every day.

ONE: For it is all for our sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

ALL: So we do not lose heart. Our inner nature is being renewed every day.

+HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 507

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

VS. 1-SOLO; VS. 2-CONG. & CHOIR; VS. 3-MEN ONLY; VS. 4-WOMEN ONLY; VS. 5-CONG. & CHOIR

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Thanksgiving



WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

HAROLD FRIEDEL

+DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN No. 374

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

To Go Out Into The World

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Forth Into the World in Peace

PAUL SJOLUND

+POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ARR. JOHN BEHNKE

The Flowers are Presented today by

Gerre Gourley

in

In loving memory of Bob Gourley as we remember his birthday today

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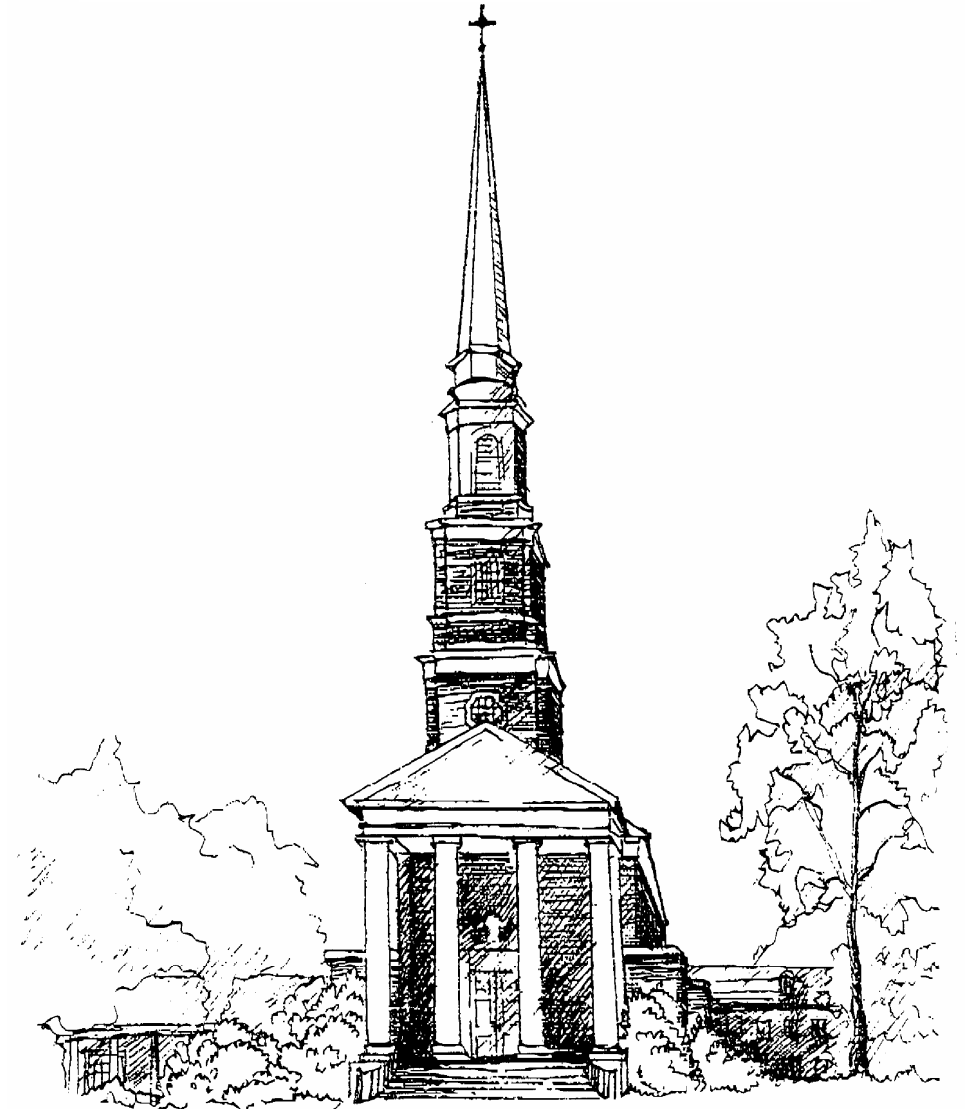
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