

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Opening Scripture: Richard/Sharon Riley

1 John 3: 1-7

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hymn: "Marching to Zion"

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those that refuse to sing, who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets.
Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

Welcome: Pastor Scott Clawson

Moment in History: Pastor Scott Clawson
Donal and Polly Petersen

Look At My Hands And My Feet: Richard/Sharon Riley

A Prayer for Luke 24:39-43 Safiyah Fosua, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.

Lord, we are living in a world that behaves as though you never lived. Our eyes behold atrocities and insults that we never thought possible and that our grandparents thought they would never see again. We live in a world that is longing for proof of the Resurrection, proof of the Living Lord.

Lord, show us how to prove your living through our lives. Put our hands to doing what you would have done were you still on this earth. Place our feet on a path that leads others to salvation. Pull us out of our caves of isolation so that we might be seen as ordinary, living, breathing, caring people of the Resurrection.

When the people of the land cry out for proof that you are alive, or even that you ever existed, may we be able to offer our hands and feet and our lives as living proof.

Amen.

Hymn: "Surely the Presence of the Lord " (X2)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Prayers of the People: Pastor Scott Clawson

New Testament Reading: Richard/Sharon Riley

Luke 24: 36-53

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Pastor Scott Clawson
" 'Younz' Better Hang On"

Hymn: "He Lives"

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near

Refrain: He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
none other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

Benediction: Pastor Scott Clawson

Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen