

St. Thomas Reformed Church  
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Founded 1660



*April 18, 2021*

All are welcome

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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# Third Sunday of Easter

*The liturgical color today is white in celebration!*

**“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”**

## Greeting and Ministry Updates

Prelude

**“Song of Kilimanjaro”**

*Faber*

Ellis Wisehart

## Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

**AMEN!**

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God’s love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

## Prayer

Hymn

**‘I Will Arise and Go to Jesus’**

RESTORATION

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy**

**Weak and wounded, sick and sore**

**Jesus ready stands to save you**

**Full of pity, love, and power**

***Refrain:***

**I will arise and go to Jesus**

**He will embrace me in His arms**

**In the arms of my dear Savior**

**O, there are ten thousand charms**

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh (*refrain*)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all (*refrain*)

### Call to Confession

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked. God of full hearts: Forgive us. Your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior...

#### Response

#### 'Just As I Am'

*Bradbury/Cottrell*

Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy love was giv'n to me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come, I come

Just as I am I would be lost  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought  
And now to glory in Your cross  
O Lamb of God I come, I come

I come broken to be mended  
I come wounded to be healed  
I come desperate to be rescued  
I come empty to be filled  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the love of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms  
Praise God, just as I am

# Words of Assurance and Hope

## Children's Message

Hymn

'At Calvary'

Newell/Towner

Years I spent in vanity and pride  
Caring not my Lord was crucified  
Knowing not it was for me He died  
On Calvary

By God's Word at last my sin I learned  
Then I trembled at the Law I'd spurned  
Till my guilty soul, imploring, turned  
To Calvary

*Refrain:*

Mercy there was great and grace was free  
Pardon there was multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary

Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything  
Now I gladly own Him as my King  
Now my raptured soul can only sing  
Of Calvary (*refrain*)

O the love that drew salvation's plan  
O the grace that brought it down to man  
O the mighty gulf that God did span  
At Calvary (*refrain*)

...To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

Acts 3:12-19

Message

"Bygones Be Bygones!"

## ...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offertory

“I’m Tellin’ You Now”

*Keb’ Mo’*

So much has been unspoken along the way  
Hearts have healed and hearts have broken  
In the pain of yesterday  
Gone are the shadows, vanished in the night  
Let your heart surrender, let your soul take flight  
Let bygones be bygones, and troubles be long gone  
And if I never told you how I feel about you  
I'm tellin' you now

We gather here together--all of our friends  
In a room full of love and laughter  
The healin' begins  
And if this was my last moment, my last breath  
I'd want to be surrounded with joy and happiness  
And let bygones be bygones, and troubles be long gone  
And if I never told you how I feel about you  
I'm tellin' you now

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

\*Doxology

Hymn

‘Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners’

*HYFRYDOL*

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners  
Jesus! lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Savior, makes me whole

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! what a Savior  
Hallelujah, what a Friend  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

Jesus! what a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins (*refrain*)

Jesus! what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He, my comfort, helps my soul (*refrain*)

Jesus! I do now receive Him  
More than all in Him I find  
He has granted me forgiveness  
I am His, and He is mine (*refrain*)

## Benediction

### GIVING THANKS:

#### Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Lori Abbotts, Andrea Lee, Ellis Wisheart
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

#### Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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