



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, April 14, 2024**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

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**\*- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

**Congregational Responses in Bold**

**Ringing in the Hour & Lighting of Altar Candles**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** (please stand)

*Alleluia, the great storm is over, lift up your wings and fly.  
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(repeat after verse)*

**Call to Worship**

**Reader: Mark Johnston**

*Adapted from Psalm 4*

One: Let the light of your face shine on us, O God.

**All: You have put gladness in our hearts.**

One: Answer us when we call upon you, O God.

**All: Be gracious to us, and hear our prayers.**

One: We will lie down and sleep in peace;

**All: For you alone, O God, make us lie down in safety.**

One: O God, you hear us when we call.

**All: Let the light of your face shine on us, O God!**

**Opening Hymn**

*We Live by Faith and Not by Sight*

(New Century Hymnal #256)

(See music at the end of this document)

**Unison Prayer**

*O God, as the Risen Christ made himself known to the disciples in a locked room, may we, too, be witnesses to the Divine Presence that is here with us. Open our eyes and hearts so that we may see the Christ Light more clearly in the friend, the enemy, the outcast, and in all of creation. Give us the vision to see Christ within our midst and the courage to proclaim to the world, "Christ is among us, here and now." Amen*

**Assurance of Grace and Peace**

One: Peace be with you.

Many: *And also with you.*

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

**Passing the Peace**

*This is the Day*

*This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,  
that our God has made;*

*We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.*

*This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.*

**Words of Integration & Guidance**

**By Sue Monk Kidd**

*When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions*

What has happened to our ability to dwell in unknowing, to live inside a question and coexist with the tensions of uncertainty? Where is our willingness to incubate pain and let it birth something new? What has happened to patience unfolding, to endurance? These things are what form the ground of waiting. And if you look carefully, you'll see that they're also the seedbed of creativity and growth—what allows us to do the daring and to break through to newness... Creativity flourishes not in certainty but in questions. Growth germinates not in tent dwelling but in upheaval. Yet the seduction is always security rather than venturing, instant knowing rather than deliberate waiting.

# Christ Among Us

## The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from **Philippians 4:8-9**  
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to **John 16:33**  
**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**  
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**                                 *(Un)Certain*  
  **Jeremy Lund**

**Offering**                                 *Offertory Meditation*  
**& Offertory**                             **Peter Black**

## Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One:       Thanks be to God!  
**Many: *Alleluia!***  
          One:    O God,  
**Many: *Hear our prayer.***

**\*Doxology**                           *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

***Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.***  
***Alleluia, alleluia give praise to our God.***  
***Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen.***  
***Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.***  
***Alleluia, alleluia give praise to our God.***

## **\*Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

**Many:** *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many:** *We lift them up to God.*

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**Many:** *It is good to give God thanks & praise*

## **\*Creation's Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy, God ruler almighty;*

*Heav'n and earth are full of your glory; Glory be to you O God.*

*Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of God.*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

*(please be seated)*

## **Breaking of the Bread** *Let Us Be Bread*

*Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.*

*Let us be wine, love freely poured,  
let us be one with the Lord.*

## **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)

Receive the Bread of Life. *Amen.*

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. *Amen.*

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

Aramaic translation

*Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## **\*Hymn of Sending**

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*  
(Green Gather Hymnal #433)

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Blessed Assurance*  
(arr. Mark Hayes)  
**Peter Black**

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# We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-2

Unison

1 We live by faith and not by sight;  
 2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
 3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;  
 4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra-cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as  
 nor fol-low where Christ trod; But in con-fess-ing  
 and may our faith a-bound To call on you when  
 in realms of clear-er light We may be-hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
 we re-joice: our Sav-ior and our God!  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end-less sight.

*As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.*

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.  
 Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
 Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

*Unison*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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