

SCRIPTURE READINGS
JOHN 20:19-31

SERMON
“HE OPENED THEIR MINDS”
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM
LONELY ROAD! UP CALVARY’S WAY
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***HYMN OF INVITATION**
THIS IS MY SONG
#437 v. 1 & 3
WORDS BY STS. 1,2 LLOYD STONE, ST. 3 GEORGIA HARKNESS
MUSIC FROM JEAN SIBELIUS
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1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
#519, V.1
WORDS BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON
MUSIC BY J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON
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1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

POSTLUDE
UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE
ROBERT LOWERY
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Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.




“He Opened Their Minds”
John 20:19-31

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

THE GLORY OF GOD IN NATURE

BY BEETHOVEN ARR. BY ALEXANDER SCHREINER
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WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD

BY ROBERT CULL
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room

Congregation: and huddled together as ones who build barriers,

Leader: send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts

Congregation: that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness.

Leader: By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel

Congregation: not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

(inspired by John 20:19-31) Author Unknown

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O WORSHIP THE KING

#73 v. 1-3,5

WORDS BY ROBERT GRANT

MUSIC ATTR. TO JOHANN MICHAEL HAYDN; ARR. BY WILLIAM GARDINER
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1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, The gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

BE THOU MY VISION

#451 v. 1 & 3

WORDS BY ANCIENT IRISH; TRANS. BY MARY E BYRNE, VERSED BY ELEANOR H. HULL
MUSIC BY TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY; HARM. BY CARLTON R. YOUNG
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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S

TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

#454

WORDS & MUSIC BY CLARA H. SCOTT

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1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!