



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 18th, 2021 11:00 am Third Sunday of Easter

☸ please stand – in body or in spirit ☸

GATHERING

PRELUDE & CHIMES "Amazing Grace"
arranged by Philip Kerveren
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Derek Almarode, Guest Speaker

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Derek Almarode

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

People: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

People: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

People: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Leader: Welcome to Bethel, the house of God, where his spirit lives in each one of you.
Friends, let us worship God together this glorious day.

People: Amen.

☸ CALL TO CONFESSION

☸ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength.

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(continued) . . . Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.

✿ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

✿ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESSDerek Almarode, Guest Speaker

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIONDerek Almarode

SCRIPTURE READINGNew Testament: James 4:1-17

SERMON*"Life is a Mist"*
Derek Almarode, Elder

TIME OF REFLECTION*"The Devotional Hour"*
by Franklin Ritter
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

JOYS & CONCERNSDerek Almarode

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SENDING

✿ CHARGE & BLESSINGDerek Almarode

POSTLUDE*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* with *"There Is a Redeemer"*
arranged by Anna Laura Page
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

***A Disciples Roundtable (Session fellowship with the Congregation) will immediately follow the worship service today. This will be a time for the Session to chat with you (the congregation) on the status of the dissolution of our relationship with the PCUSA and to solicit any feedback (opinions and/or questions) you may have.*

*Please stay a few minutes after worship & join us for this important conversation.***