

## April 5, 2026 (Year A, Easter Sunday, 10am)

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Prelude** "They Could Not" The Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff  
by Harris and Cloninger

**Welcome** One: He is risen! | **Many: He is risen, indeed!**

**Introit** "Easter Song" By Anne Herring

#### Call to Worship

One: Death had enveloped us.

**Many: But we come now to hear a different Word.**

One: A true Word.

**Many: A life-giving Word.**

One: We have come to find an empty tomb...

**Many: Where tears are wiped away.**

One: Where a banquet table has been set.

**Many: Where death has been swallowed up forever.**

One: We do not fully understand it.

**Many: We may not fully believe it.**

One: And yet here is that Word:

**Many: The power of Christ's life is within us and among us.**

**So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!**

#### \*Passing the Peace

**\*Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #367

#### \*Gathering Prayer

**We give you thanks, Holy Author of Life, for raising Jesus from the dead, for making him the first fruits of abundant and eternal life. Accept our praise as we joyfully claim the Good News, and welcome your Spirit into our lives once more. May this hour help us make our lives a daily celebration of your love made visible, that we might claim our identity as Easter people not only today, but in every day! Alleluia!**

**\*Gloria Patri** #813

#### Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God | **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Vaguely Reminiscent" The Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

#### Moment of Silence

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Response** "He Lives" #368  
(During this hymn, all are invited to adorn the cross with flowers found at the chancel.)

#### Joys and Concerns

**Song** Cares Chorus (seated) #627  
*I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.*

#### Pastoral Prayer

##### Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Affirmation** "To Him Who Sits on the Throne" (seated) #373

#### Invitation to Offering

**Offertory** "Christ is Risen"  
By L. O. Emerson, Handel, arr. L. Smith

**Doxology** #815

#### Dedication of the Offering

#### Announcements

**Hymn of Preparation** "Christ Arose" #357

#### Communion

**\* Hymn** "Because He Lives" #358

#### \*Benediction

**+Postlude** "Trumpet Tune in C" By A. Vivaldi

**\* Please rise in body or spirit.**

**+ All are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.**

**Welcoming Deacons:** Rebecca Lindsey and Corrine Sternberg

**Reading Deacon:** Lenny Brown

**Ushers:** Evelyn Mills and Hope Reed

**Flowers:** Given by Al Baron in honor of Carol & Al's 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 4/8th

## Prayers

All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.

\*Please pray for:

**Kevin White**, friend of Sharon Maloney  
**Don Gates**, friend of Lori Albert  
**Marc Bassos**, friend of Sharon Maloney  
**Nate Chapin**  
**Steve Shaw**, brother of Lori Albert  
**Cory**, friend of Pastor Daniel  
**Gwen**, daughter of Rich  
**Nancy and family on the passing of husband, Marc**, friends of Ken and Nancy Joy  
**John**, friend of Jane and Paul DiMauro  
**David DeMerchant, Jr.**  
**Ann**, friend of Corrine Sternberg  
**Austin**, Cousin's son of Corrine Sternberg

**WELCOME:** Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace.**

- 4/5** Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 am  
Easter Breakfast (following)  
Easter Family Service 10:00 am  
Pack 43 Meeting 2:00pm  
Troop 16 4:00pm
- 4/7** Endowment Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4/8** Bible Study 10:00 am  
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
- 4/9** Choir Practice 6:00pm
- 4/11** Bible Study 10:00 am

**Birthdays:** L. Cummings 4/6, C. Czesak 4/9, D. Beaugard 4/10

## Congregational Care

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note.

If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Lori Albert.

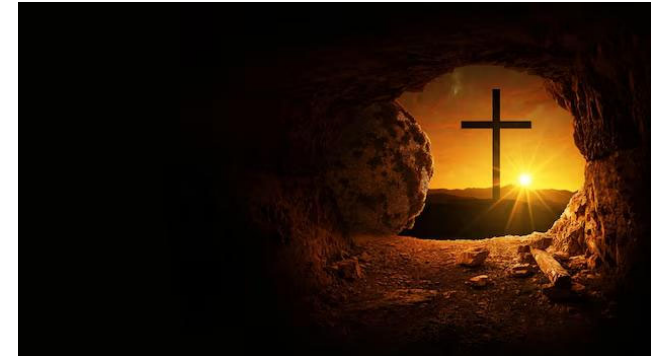
*Prayer shawls can be like hugs from God from all the prayers that go with them as they are knitted, with a blessing added by the pastor when completed. If you would like a shawl or know anyone who would like one, please reach out to a deacon or Pastor Daniel. Recipients need not be a member of Third Church to receive this token of love.*

**Remember our shut-ins with prayer:** Lynda Andrew and Janet Manthay.

# Third Congregational Church

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