Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall. Music Director

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE "Thank You, Lord" Piano & Chancel Choir

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise Him"

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 117)

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is God's steadfast love toward us,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #31

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(unison)

Even before we call on you, you hear us.
Even before we confess our sin, you forgive us.
Even before we were born, Christ Jesus died for us.
In the death of Christ we are dead to our sin.
In the resurrection of Christ we are alive to new life.
Thanks be to God, Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING #35 Psalm 150

(p. 506 Hymnal)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"Lord of the Dance"

(see insert)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 116 (Page 438 Old Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #9 "Now Thank We All Our God"

SERMON "Thank You"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Thanks to God Whose Word is Spoken"

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #2 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Thank You, Lord"

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: David & Donna Francis

Ushers: Libby Burton, Nancy Dey, Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

Next week's stewards (May 11):

Greeters: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Because next Sunday is Mother's Day, our monthly Prayer & Meditation Group will meet tonight at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Please come and join us. Communion will be served.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. at O'Charley's in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, and condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!