WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, April 15th, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter
EASTER COMES ~ JESUS LIVES!

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

**indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Intrada from Miniature Suite* J. Ireland

Please rise to sing:
VOICES UNITED **169 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

**CALL TO WORSHIP …Luke, Florence Powell
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
As sure as the sun rises and sets,
God's love is constant.
As sure as the seasons change: fall into winter, winter into spring,
God's grace is sufficient.
As sure as life evolves: birth and baptism, death and rising,
God's presence is everlasting.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**PEACE GREETING …Michael Brooks
May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!
And also with you!
(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM *Refer to Insert*

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* H. Hopson

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*
**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.**

RESPONDING IN LOVE

AN EASTER TESTIMONY *"To love and serve others"* …Scott Brooks

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Now the Green Blade Rises* arr. M. Shaw

**SUNG RESPONSE Tune: Voices United 217
**Praise God the giver and the Gift;
All hearts and voices now uplift:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Creator, Christ and Spirit One
From whom new life and joy have come: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

FIRST BIBLE READING 1st John 3: 11, 16-24 (page 260, NT)

VOICES UNITED **595 *We Are Pilgrims on a Journey*

**GOSPEL BIBLE READING Mark 12: 28-31 (page 50, NT)
For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON BELIEF AND ACTION: *Journeying with our New Creed*
8. "We are called to be the Church:
To love and serve others"

REACHING OUT IN SERVICE

VOICES UNITED **420 *Go to the World*

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Menuetto-Impromtu from Miniature Suite* J. Ireland