

COMMUNION HYMN

398

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

CONSECRATION of the ELEMENTS

SHARING of the ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (**in unison**)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*LORD’S PRAYER (**in unison**)

*CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

143 (1,3)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

() All who are able please stand when noted.*

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“Breakfast with Jesus”



Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

9:00 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Katie Maurer

*OPENING HYMN “Praise Him! Praise Him!” #93 (vs 1,3)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.. Give thanks to God’s holy name.

People: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day. Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Leader: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat. Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

People: God sees and hears our weeping. God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing. Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

People: We have cried to you in our need, O God. We believe you are working to make us whole.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 35

MOMENT OF CONCERN

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

What questions is God asking us as we examine our faith and faithfulness? Have our attitudes been rigid or flexible? Have we been motivated by self-sacrificing love or self-serving lies? Do we live by a self-limited agenda or by a God-given mission? Surely we have much to confess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let the scales fall from your eyes. God has offered you new sight. Unplug your ears. God is claiming you as a beloved servant. Warm to the community that surrounds you. God has given you sisters and brothers to love. Reach out to feed and care and follow where Christ leads. You are forgiven and claimed and sent.

CONTEMPORARY SONG “Jesus Messiah”

SCRIPTURE John 21: 1-19 (*NRSV*) Pastor Mary

SERMON “Breakfast with Jesus” Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Who will carry the name of Christ into the marketplace? Who will try new ways of faithfulness? Our offerings involve all who give. They empower those who serve. They express our praise and thanksgiving while witnessing to the reign of love in the midst.

OFFERTORY “God So Loved”
(Bergthold, Cash, Cash, Cash, & Cash)

*RESPONSE “Doxology”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.