Bulletin for Sunday, April 19, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Call to Worship (responsively)

- L: Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.
- P: The earth awakens from winter with a display of wondrous color.
- L: The cycle of living and dying continues.
- P: As it has for ages past and will for ages to come.
- L: Lent has passed and the celebration of Easter Sunday is over.
- P: But the message of new life, new awakenings, and new possibilities remains with us. Glory to God! Alleluia!

Hymn, Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Prayer (in unison)

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Musical Offering Jerry McNabb

Epistle Lesson, I Peter 1:3-9

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Gospel Lesson, John 20:19-31

Response, He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead and he is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Sermon, "He Kept the Scars"

Hymn, Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Response, Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Announcements

Hymn, It is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. <u>Refrain:</u> It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! <u>Refrain</u>

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. <u>Refrain</u>

Benediction

Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.