

**Our Thanks!**

**Flowers**

Mr. & Mrs. Kent Downs,  
In Memory of Mother

**Next Week**

Wilma Gilbert

**We wish to thank all those who have given of their time and talents during this time of turmoil: First Responders, Police, Doctors, Nurses, Food Pantry workers, Truck drivers, Post Office employees, Bankers, Fast Food workers, Grocery Workers and any others who have kept the communities safe and functioning.**

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Serving Our Community Since 1736

*“I am the resurrection  
and the life. He who  
believes in me will live,  
even though he dies ...”*



**John 11:25**

**April 18, 2021 - 9:30 A. M.**

Third Sunday of Easter



## We Approach God

**Prelude:** "Dogwood Blossoms"

### Welcome:

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Community: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

—based on Luke 24:34 *The Worship Sourcebook*

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

**Community: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.**

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

**Community: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.**

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

**Community: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Community: Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!**

Leader: May his peace and presence be known to you.

**Community: And also to you.**

—based on Matthew 18:20 *The Worship Sourcebook*

**Prayer of Confession:** (see insert)

### Assurance of Pardon

### Law of God

**Gloria Patri** *(Recited --- Please stand as you are able)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## We Hear God's Word

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 24:36b-48

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

**Community: Thanks be to God**

**Prayer for the Blessing of the Word**

**Sermon:** "Dear Lord, Open Our Minds and Hearts"  
- Pastor Howard Dalton

## We Respond To God

**Anthem:** "Day By Day" by Lina Sandell & Oscar Ahnfeldt,  
arranged by Greg Howlett

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church\*,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Announcements and the Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Organ Postlude:** "Procession"

**"Day by Day (and with Each Passing Moment)"** is a Christian hymn written in 1865 by Swedish poet Lina Sandell (3 October 1832 – 27 July 1903). She wrote this hymn several years after witnessing the tragic drowning death of her father, who was a Lutheran minister. The hymn's tune was composed in 1872 by Oscar Ahnfeldt. (excerpts taken from Wikipedia)

I thought it important to include the lyrics and a little background information as I was not familiar with this hymn and figured some of you might not be either.

This piano arrangement by Greg Howlett (©2015) has some interesting jazz chords thrown in, putting a modern touch on a hymn that is more than 150 years old.

Day by day and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
Gives unto each day what He deems best--  
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;  
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"  
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation  
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within Thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
'Til I reach the promised land.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Leader: If, at times, we deny you, God  
forgive. When the risks of discipleship  
are high, and we are nowhere to be  
found:

**Community: God forgive.**

Leader: When we wash our hands of  
responsibility:

**Community: God forgive.**

Leader: When we cast our lot with powerful  
oppressors and seek to buy freedom  
with silver:

**Community: God forgive.**

Leader: When fear keeps us from witnessing  
to your truth, or prejudice keeps us  
from believing it:

**Community: God forgive.**

Leader: In the bright light of Easter morning,  
O God, our sin is exposed, and your  
grace is revealed.

**Community: Tender God, raise us in  
your love so that, with joy, we may  
witness to your awesome deeds, in  
the name of Jesus, the risen one.  
Amen.**