



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

AS WE GATHER: Our Easter sermon series examines 6 tough topics that are often thought about (if not asked) by those inside and outside of the church. *Why do bad things happen to good people? Is the Bible reliable? Is abortion wrong? What is the relationship between faith and science? How should I identify? How do I navigate politics?* There are no easy answers, but join us as we find that Scripture will help us navigate these questions with wisdom, grace, and humility.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
 Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
 Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 He who on the cross a victim
 For the world’s salvation bled—
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
 Now is risen from the dead.

- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
 Death at last has met defeat:
 See the ancient pow’rs of evil
 In confusion and retreat;
 Once He died, and once was buried:
 Now He lives forevermore,
 Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer,
 Whom we worship and adore.

- 3 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory be to God on high:
 Alleluia to the Savior
 Who has gained the victory;
 Alleluia to the Spirit,
 Fount of love and sanctity!
 Alleluia, alleluia
 To the triune Majesty!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pastor: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

People: And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

People: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from the Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4-5; 16:11b*

Pastor: Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

People: Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown. Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

People: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

#475

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris’n this day;
Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescue from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

*Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of
my groaning?*

²*O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.*

³*Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.*

⁴*In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.*

⁵*To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.*

⁶*But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.*

⁷*All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;*

⁸*“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Miss Heidi

“The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18-30

¹⁸*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to
us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing
of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility,
not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in
hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage
to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the
children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has
been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until
now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who
have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our
bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen
is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope
for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

²⁶*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not
know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself*

intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-5

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Asking for a Friend:

"Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?"

Pastor Adam Wolfe

(Tech Note: 4 sermon slides to advance through)

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#752

“Be Still, My Soul”

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The
third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

1) Executive Pastor Call Meeting Today, 11:45 AM in the gym

2) Lord's Supper change - Beginning May 9 (traditional side) & 23 (contemporary side) we will go back to processional communion.

3) We would love to see your unique vehicle entered in our Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show on June 19 from 9 AM - 2 PM. Visit ddlc.org/events for the registration form to enter your vehicle. Any make and model is welcome. Only \$10 to show you vehicle. Then mark your calendars to attend this free show!

4) Cookbooks have arrived. If you purchased one you may pick yours up after worship or there is a limited amount to purchase now for \$20.

OFFERTORY #781, vs. 1,2,6 *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom our prayers have been requested.

Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Pastor: Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy justice before the law, equality of opportunity in the marketplace, and peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Pastor: Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Pastor: Help us to trust that You will both hear and answer the prayers of Your people and supply us with all good things according to Your merciful favor; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN #474

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

- 1 Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

- 3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

- 4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

- 5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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10:30AM: Ava Lenz & Julia Bowen

Sound:

8:00AM: Shannon Bader

10:30AM: Nathaniel & Amelia Sitzberger

Elders:

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: Brad Baker