

PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORSHIP AT HOME AND IN BERDAN HALL
APRIL 18, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!

"If I, like Peter and John, had had a close and potentially disastrous brush with the authorities, my prayer would be for divine protection rather than boldness!" -William H. Willimon

✠ *Congregation standing, as able*
Masks on looking down

WE GATHER IN THE JOY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

EASTER LITANY

How joyful it is, to gather here and in our homes to
celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

God's love has been poured on us through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Joy and celebration ring in our hearts!

Let us offer our hearts to God in prayer and praise this morning.

May the Holy Spirit bless us in our worship this morning.

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 242 When Our Savior, Jesu, Went Away NYOHENE
(verses 1-4)

✠ **PASSING THE JOY AND PEACE OF EASTER**

There was a time when doubt and fear had reigned, now hope grows forevermore.

Terror and panic appear to seize the day, but faith overcomes.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

(Please offer a sign of joy and peace safely to one another in Berdan Hall and at home.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF BLESSING

MISSION REPORT FROM GHANA

Andrea Linder, Mephibosheth in Ghana

THE EASTER MESSAGE

THE READING OF THE WORD

Acts 4:23-31

THE MESSAGE "Don't just read the words in bold, but be bold"

RESPONDING WITH THE HOPE OF EASTER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

✠ RESPONDING IN FAITH

-THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
He shall come 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.

- ☒ CLOSING SONG 299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CHEREPONI
- ☒ EASTER BLESSING
- ☒ POSTLUDE

(Please allow our ushers to usher you out of Berdan Hall.)

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Glenn O'Connell, sound; Kevin Lynch, accompanist
and Dan King, director of music ministries.*

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Fm B \flat E \flat Fm

1 When our Sav - ior, Ye - su, went a - way, he sent here a
 2 In all Ye - su's friends the Spir - it lives; it is Ye - su's
 3 O great Spir - it, fill us all with love for the neigh - bors

B \flat E \flat Refrain Fm B \flat

friend with us to stay.
 power that molds and saves. Come, Guide on earth, our
 God gives us to serve.

E \flat Fm B \flat m7 Cm Cm7 Fm

Spir - it - friend; come to in - spire, di - rect, de - fend.

4 Come, great Spirit, fire the church on earth,
 to your whole creation give new birth.

Refrain

5 Praise be to our Maker, and the Son,
 with whom now and ever you are one.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain E^b B^b

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

E^b Fm B^b E^b *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

E^b $Cm7$ Fm B^b B^b

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich folk and poor, neigh-bors are black, brown, and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are

E^b Cm $Cm7$ Fm B^b E^b *To Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves: this is the way we should live with you.

Optional rhythm

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