



downtown

First United Methodist Church

Welcome!

It is a gift to worship with you.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

200 W. High St.

Lexington, KY 40507

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Service of Baptism and Confirmation

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 8:1-4, 14-17

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

People: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Leader: So that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

People: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Leader: For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

People: When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

All: And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

* OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN OF PRAISE

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

* Please stand as you are able.

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

*universal

* GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

**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. Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

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 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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-11, NRSV

SERMON

A Life of Loving God

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Pastor(s) to the Confirmands

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

* Please stand as you are able.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Pastor(s) to the Families

Will you nurture these persons in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Pastor(s) to the Congregation and Families

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SHARING IN THE BREAD AND CUP

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* Please stand as you are able.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.

Refrain (Harmony)

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Healthy at Church: please maintain distance and use a face covering over your nose and mouth the entire time you are here. Thank you!

LEADERS OF WORSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Cassidy Baas, Cameron Bibb, Carol Cooper, Kelly Mullins, Todd Nelson

Director of Music: Brock Terry

* Please stand as you are able.

Confirmands & Friends in Faith

Confirmand

Clara Brumfield

William Cooper

Jacob Dudek

Whitley Harris

Luke Holt

Kylie Howell

Charlie Koenig

Sam Koenig

Ben McKinney

Jon Jay Moore

To be Confirmed Later:

Jack Baskette

Emery Nathaniel

Campbell Tippey

Friend in Faith

Lu-Ann Farrar

Adam Holt

David Jeffares

Leighton Harris

Keith Cooper

Brittany Koenig

Anthony Howell

Heather Howell

John Koenig

Daniel Crain

Jonathan Moore

Kristin Clark

David & Kris Hobson