

April 11, 2021 Bulletin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Today Pastor Drew concludes his sermon series on the Gospel of John. The sermon title, "Bloom Where You're Planted," is based on a statement by Bishop of Geneva, Saint Francis de Sales who lived from 1567 to 1622. He is credited for the following: "Truly charity has no limit; for the love of God has been poured into our hearts by His Spirit dwelling in each one of us, calling us to a life of devotion and inviting us to bloom in the garden where He has planted and directing us to radiate the beauty and spread the fragrance of His Providence." **The theme for this morning is 'real world discipleship,' and is based on one of the disciples' final encounters with Jesus—on the beach while they were fishing.**

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Glory Bells  
Arr. by Susan Geschke

Welcome

\*Call to Worship Ellen Hoover

L: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn "He Lives" UMH #310

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, he's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last. Refrain
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. Refrain

\*Unison Prayer

Ellen Hoover

**God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn Refrain

"He Lives"

#310 (refrain only)

Special Music

"Hallelujah"

Bells of Praise

Arr. by Joel Raney

*(Anthem lyrics are included at the bottom of the bulletin)*

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-14

Ellen Hoover

**21** Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. <sup>7</sup>Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

<sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon

"Bloom Where You're Planted"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give and Offertory

"Think of Me, and Remember"

Ann Jacobs, Cathy Grattan,

By Joel Raney

Tom Norager, Steve Grattan

*(Anthem lyrics are included at the bottom of the bulletin)*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Closing Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

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1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
striving to please him in all that I do,  
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;  
for thou in thy atonement didst give thyself for me.  
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus, who died in my place,  
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,  
such love constrains me to answer his call,  
follow his leading, and give him my all. [Refrain]

2. Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
doing each duty in his holy name,  
willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
deeming each trial a part of my cross. [Refrain]
3. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,  
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,  
bringing the weary to find rest in him. [Refrain]

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

"Hymn of Promise"

By Natalie Sleeth

(Ushers will dismiss the congregation by pew beginning from the rear)

Anthem lyrics:

**Think of Me, and Remember**

*Take this wine I pour, take this bread I break. Search your heart and remember the sacrifice I make.  
Come and follow me. I will hold you forever. My life I give so you may live. Think of me and remember.  
When your feet grow tired, and your flesh is weak, think of me and remember I am the rest you seek.  
Come and follow me, I will hold you forever. My life I give, so you may live. Think of me and remember.  
Remember how I prayed at Gethsemane, "Father, let this cup please pass from me." Remember how  
the soldiers captured me, then led the Son of Man to Calvary. As you close the day, as you sing and pray,  
search your heart and remember the debt I came to pay. Come and follow me, I will hold you forever.  
My life I give, so you may live. Think of me and remember. Think of me and remember.*

## ***Hallelujah***

(Verse)

A crown of thorns placed on His head  
He knew that He would soon be dead  
He said did you forget me Father did you?  
They nailed Him to a wooden cross  
Soon all the world would feel the loss  
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

(Verse)

He hung His head and prepared to die  
Then lifted His face up to the sky  
Said I am coming home now Father to you.  
A reed which held His final sip  
Was gently lifted to his lips  
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory. (Chorus)

(Verse)

The soldier who had used his sword  
To pierce the body of our Lord  
Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior.  
He looked with fear upon his sword  
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord  
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah. (Chorus)

(Verse)

Took from his head the thorny crown  
And wrapped him in a linen gown  
And laid him down to rest inside the tomb.  
The holes in his hands, his feet and side  
Now in our hearts we know he died  
To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah. (Chorus)

(Verse)

Three days went by again they came  
To move the stone to bless the slain  
With oil and spice anointing hallelujah.  
But as they went to move the stone  
They saw that they were not alone  
But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah. (Chorus)