



April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Revive Us Again*

*We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.*

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Our God hears our prayers.

O Lord, I pray, save my life!

Our God bless us with abundance.

O Lord, I pray, give me life!

Our God's love and covenant are steadfast and true.

O Lord, I pray, accept my sacrifice -

A sacrifice of thanksgiving, praise, and worship!

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

Hymnal, No. 267

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Eternal God, we are here, yearning to know you more fully. Let us feel your presence as we worship this day. Reveal yourself in the words that are spoken, the songs that are sung, and in the moments of silence in between. Help us understand your truth, and embrace your life-giving power, revealed within your enduring word. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up* ~R. Lovland
Keith Ciccone, Piano
Michael Frady, Baritone

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 13-25

SERMON “Seeing Jesus” Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

MUSIC RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes* ~R. Cull

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Michael Frady

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 for ever. Amen.

HYMN *The Day of Resurrection* Hymnal, No. 197

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.
Praise Him, above, ye heav’nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, you have given us the gift of love: love of you, love of Christ, love of one another, love of the world. We offer you this thanksgiving sacrifice, that you may take it and make this offering of love visible for all the world to see.
Amen**

*HYMN *Sing a Song of Celebration* Hymnal, No. 202

SERENITY PRAYER ~ Reinhold Niebuhr

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE





Following worship, please join us for Remote Coffee Hour:

Time: Apr 26, 2020 @ approximately 10:30 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Password: FCC1707

OR Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US (no video) Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Password: 604514

Thank you for viewing this Service of Worship from First Congregational Church.

About Today's Service:

- * This worship service was recorded on Saturday, April 25, 2020,
- * Special thanks to **Glenn Holton** who is responsible for our online worship videos. Glenn is the videographer, director and editor. Keep up the great work, Glenn!
- * Please join us at approximately 10:30 am (following the conclusion of the online worship service) for a **“remote coffee hour” zoom meeting**



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