

Worship Guide

April 18, 2021: The Third Sunday of Easter



GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

In our desperation, we cry out:

“Where are you, God! We need you!

When all hope seems lost, God answers with Love and Mercy!

Therefore, Lord of wind and water, power and light

grant us your wisdom and power to SEE you and become the people you have called us to be!

OPENING HYMN: *Open Our Eyes Lord*

*Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.*

*Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.*

(REPEAT)

OPENING PRAYER

God of Renewal, you are the Author of Life.

You are the One who came to meet us in flesh and bone and blood.

You are the One who walked among us, proclaiming love, mercy, and repentance.

You are the One who died, rose, and lived again, that we might believe and truly live.

Empower us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Help us to accept your unconditional love, that we might share your love with others.

In your holy name we pray, AMEN.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Psalm 4

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON: How is Your Eyesight?

Betty Austin

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* *Lord,
listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our 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.

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

CLOSING HYMN: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

Look full in his wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace. (REPEAT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Friends, go forth into the world

And be witnesses for Christ,

Sharing his love with everyone you meet!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Free meals for curbside pick up.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Call the church @ 207-474-3915

Leave your name and number of meals

Pick up time is between 5-6PM that evening.

Next meal is Tuesday, April 27th: Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, and Dessert.