

Order of Worship for April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
Virtual Worship



Lectionary art by Cerezo Barredo

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Call to Worship (from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*)

One: The bread of life opens our eyes.

All: The word of life opens our ears.

One: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

All: and by those wounds we are healed.

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison): (written by Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell)

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (spoken in unison):

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

Gloria Patri

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36b-48

Children's Message

Sermon: "Body & Soul"

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Affirmation of 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;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will 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.

Passing of the Peace (stretch your hands toward your screen if you're on video, praying God's peace on the assembly.)

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our time of prayer concludes 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.**

Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Blessing and Benediction

The space will remain open for conversation and catching up in our "virtual coffee hour."

Announcements

Today, 2pm, Draper Park: Vigil against anti-AAPI hate: See the announcement below, and consider attending the vigil after worship today.

Join our family-friendly vigil against anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate

RIBBONS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Sunday, April 18, 2021 ○ 2:00PM ○ Draper Park, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY ○   

listen to AAPI kids and adults speak out against anti-AAPI hate
name and hold a prayer or moment of silence for victims
write names or messages on ribbons for remembrance, hope, and solidarity

TO SPEAK/VOLUNTEER/ATTEND, SIGN UP
QUESTIONS? EMAIL

<https://forms.gle/zmJPxpNeZU3Zr9Mv9>
Hastings.against.AAPI.hate@gmail.com



Led by AAPI community members in Hastings and co-sponsored by the Westchester County Asian American Advisory Board

Lenten Prayer Wall: Many thanks to Jen Moore Smith and Andrew Smith for crafting and installing our prayer wall! Any time during the Easter season, feel free to stop by to add your prayers. During this time, we are adding gold and yellow ribbons in the negative space around the ampersand.