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Sunday, April 22, 2018 **Third Sunday After Easter** 8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* – arr. Bish
"Prelude in C" – Vierne

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Vernon Wright from Christ's Home

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: For He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry He fills with good things.

* HYMN *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"* No. 104

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, we come before You knowing that Your goodness and Your mercy will always reign over evil and vengeance. We live in a world that teaches us to strike back when we are hurt. You teach us to love our enemy. Forgive us for hating when You command us to love. Forgive us for not looking for opportunities to respond in grace when we are insulted and embarrassed. Thank you for the example of Jesus who shows us a more excellent way. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ali Elias

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM *"The Gift of Love"* – Hopson Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 19:15-21(OT p175)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:17-21 (NT p162)

SERMON **ROMANS FOR DUMMIES** Rev. Robert Bronkema
"The Power of Goodness"

*HYMN *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* No. 367

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* – arr. Smith

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* No. 420

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*POSTLUDE *"March from 'Scipio'"* - Handel

Next Week Hosea 1 Romans 13:11-14 <i>"If It Feels Good, Do It!"</i>

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

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*Praise & Worship

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

He Is Faithful

O Come To The Altar

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Ali Elias

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Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 19:15-21; Romans 12:17-21

SERMON SERIES: ROMANS FOR DUMMIES

"The Power of Goodness"

*Offering/Closing Song

Reckless Love

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
