

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Confession of 1967 (alt.)

Prayers of God's Creation and People

THANKSGIVING

Offering *Psalm 24:1*

Offertory Music: "Flute Piece" Thomas Thorley

**Doxology:* "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (verse 1)
106

Closing Prayer

**Hymn:* "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" 144

SENDING

**Charge* *From 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*

**Benediction* *2 Corinthians 13:13*

**Choral Benediction:*

**Dismissal*

**Postlude:*

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Christ-the-King Fellowship Spencer, NY

The Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

APRIL 23, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Festival Prelude" Robert Lau

Call to Worship *Mark 1:15; Psalm 119:126*

**Hymn:* "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" 150

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Great God of life:
you give us the key to new life,
you open us up to a new way of being.
**Reform us, O God;
reveal our true nature.**

After the time of our disintegration;
after all the losses and closings;
after all the cutbacks and costs:

**You reassemble us according to the pattern of Christ:
the true Human and the true God.**

You reveal our destiny and our origin
as people made in your Image.

**What we used to be is gone forever,
and that is good!**

Our true nature is emerging in us!

Who we will be is far greater than we can imagine!

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" (verse 4)

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***The Peace**

Christ is in the midst of us.

He is and ever shall be.

May the grace and peace of Christ our God be with all of you.

And also with you.

The people exchange words and signs of God's peace.

***Response:** "Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia"

Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!

Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!

Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!

Halleluia!

Halleluia!

THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament, Luke 24:13-35

Psalms 34:1-10

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Hebrew Scriptures, Song of Songs 1:5-9

Sermon, "Nevertheless, She Persisted"

***Affirmation of Faith**

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power,
wisdom, and goodness.**

But God reveals love in Jesus Christ

by showing power in the form of a servant,

wisdom in the folly of the cross,

and goodness in receiving sinful people.