

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021 ~ 10:30 a.m.

## The Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gathering Around the Word

HYMN

CALL TO WORSHIP

When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:

**God stands beside us, whispering of peace.**

When we toss and turn late at night:

**God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.**

When we stumble through the shadows of sin:

**God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

**God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

**We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER ["Sins"]

SPECIAL MUSIC

**The Word**

SCRIPTURE  
SERMON

Luke 24:36b-48  
“Presence.”

**Responding to the Word**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Please mail any offering or tithes to the following address:

**Fleming Road UCC**  
Attn: Ron Alcock  
691 Fleming Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45231

**Prayer of Dedication/Offering**

*What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, but knowing you through Jesus, and trusting in you by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for these blessings. And so we offer these gifts with gratitude to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

**Sending the Word**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Homework: How are you present with yourself? Others? Jesus? What does it mean to you to know that Jesus eats? Is embodied? That you are connected to him, and to all things and people?*