April 26, 2020 **Third Sunday of Easter** 9:45 AM

INTROIT How Excellent Your Name John Douglas

By Peter Jacobs

Welcome by Pastor Mike Holland

CALL TO WORSHIP led by Jim and Keni Cox, Elders

At the edge of April, we pause to breathe deeply, One: to re-affirm our place in this nation's community

and, indeed, the unfolding drama of creation.

We are always in the midst of something Many: challenging and exciting, something vital,

something meaningful and genuine.

One: Let us maintain a healthy, humble perspective and

> take things a day at a time as best we can. We receive God's grace for today and are blessed.

Yesterday is but a collection of remembrances Many: and tomorrow is unknown, but today, well

lived, makes yesterday a source of wisdom

and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Let us live, love, learn and worship together today, One:

and know in our hearts that all will be well.

Prayer: Gracious Spirit, help us remember that our challenges, feelings, losses, even life itself, are

> never as final as we suppose, yet too precious to miss or take for granted even for a moment. Let us pay attention to matters with lightheartedness, for there is much life still to live. There are services to provide, values to explore and lives to touch, including our own.

Let us live with deep gratitude within and express frequent thank-you's in our words, gestures, and embrace. And may this time of

pandemic end soon. Amen.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

Know our children, you are blessed, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. May the Spirit's power fill you. May our tender comfort still you.

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Pastor Kel Henderson

(have bread/cracker and juice ready to participate online)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed One, who blesses us with daily bread and drink, may we serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty, hunger and sickness.

Give them this day, with our assistance, the bread of life. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship

John Douglas

By Tim Hughes

MORNING PRAYERS with Pastor Mike Holland

Pastoral Prayer

Serenity Prayer

God, grant us the Serenity to accept things we cannot change, Courage to change the things we can, and the Wisdom to know the difference, Patience for the things that take time, Appreciation for all that we have, and Tolerance for those with different struggles, Freedom to live beyond the limitations of our past ways, the Ability to feel your love for us and our love for each other and the Strength to get up and try again even when we feel it is hopeless. Amen.

Quiet Meditation Ever Faithful, Ever Near John Douglas By Frank Ritter

READING Exodus 14:10-14 Michelle Linton, Elder

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and saw the Egyptians advancing on them, and cried out in great fear to God. ¹¹They turned on Moses, asking, 'Were there no graves in Egypt that you led us out to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn't we tell you in Egypt, "Leave us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' ¹³But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand your ground, and you will see the deliverance God will accomplish for you today. Though you see Egypt today, you will never see it again. ¹⁴YHWY will contend for you, you have only to keep still.'

MESSAGE Are We There Yet? Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

A Wilderness Wandering People

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Dennis Parrett, Elder

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BENEDICTION

Pastor Kel Henderson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Repeat)

POSTLUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart John Douglas with Be Thou My Vision
Arr. by Mark Hayes