



Service for the Lord's Day

April 22, 2018

Prelude Sarabande (from *English Suite in E Major*) --J.S. Bach

Life in the Church Rev. Dr. Debra J. K. Bronkema

Introit "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" --Luther/ Trad. (arr. Bach)

Call to Worship

Leader: Today is a new day!

People: **New life is rising among us!**

Leader: Today we are challenged to live fully in God's love!

People: **So we will greet one another in love and praise the God who uplifts each of us in grace!**

All: **Alleluia! Amen!**

*Hymn of Praise "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #460 in the hymnal

*Opening Prayer

Call and Prayer of Confession

When we put off until tomorrow our response to your call, forgive us, O God. When our good intentions are not followed by good actions, have patience with us, O God. When we harden our hearts, making all kinds of excuses why we should not serve you, O God, have mercy. Today when we hear your voice, may we rise up to hear and obey, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response "Song of Simeon" #603 in the hymnal – verse 2

**This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.**

Passing of the Peace

Anthem "O Lord Most Holy" --César Franck

O Lord most holy,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always,
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts,
Keep Thine our wandering thoughts;
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptation's hour,
Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us.

Show us Thy favor,
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

Children's Sermon

A Lesson from

Psalm 23

Hymn of the Day

“Though I May Speak”

#335 in the hymnal

Sermon

“What Is Love Anyway?”

1 John 3:16-24

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,

We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate

Us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Excerpted from a [Brief Statement of Faith](#)

Offering God Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology, #592 in the hymnal

*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer

“Be Thou My Vision”

#339 in the hymnal – v.1

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save Thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (saying ‘debts’)

*Closing Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

#447 in the hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Amen ”

Postlude

Allemande (from *English Suite in E Major*)

--J.S. Bach

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