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Just Peace, Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2014

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

Greeting and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Centering Music

"African Psalm"

Kenya/P. Liebergen

***Call to Worship**

When the disciples were full of fear, the Risen Christ came and said, "Peace be with you."

When Thomas was full of doubt, the Risen Christ came and said, "Peace be with you."

We come with our courage and our fears;

We come with our faith and our doubts;

We come to see the Risen Christ and touch his wounds,

And hear his voice saying to us, "Peace be with you."

***Gathering Song**

NCH #244

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" vv. 1-5

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response** "Be Not Afraid" (2x) (Choir sings once, congregation sings twice)

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Message

"Believe It Or Not!"

Hannah Hannover

Sung Prayer for Illumination SPP #37 "Open Our Hearts" (2x)

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to God, "You are my God; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

God is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless our God who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep God always before me; with God at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 20:19-31

Sermon

“Checking God’s I.D.” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***Song**

“We Live by Faith and Not by Sight”

Prayers of the People *beginning with “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (2x)*

Offering of Gifts

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

D. Nelson

***Sung Response**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Song** (see insert)

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Commissioning and Blessing

***Sending Music**