# Third Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and honor and glory and blessing! -Revelation 5:12
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSPhilip Montgomery, Youth Ministry Coordinator
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATESBecky Hodges, Director of Christian Formation
Prelude: Exaltation Medley
(We Will Glorify, Alleluia to the King, Be Exalted, O God) Arr. Lyndell Leatherman (1989)
Call to Worship

#### LITURGY OF GOD'S DIVINE EXAMPLE

Let us worship the Lord our God, who has given us grace through Jesus Christ!

Christ came to offer us grace and teach us the power of love, especially through forgiveness.

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found; once was blind but now I see. Alleluia! (Alleluia, allelu!)

for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong. Alleluia! (Alleluia, allelu!)

Jesus loves me. this I know:

Our Lord God taught us to forgive those who do wrong by us, to show love and compassion even to our enemies. Let us live by the words of Jesus, who taught us to forgive and how to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

God, you sent to us your son, even when the world did not deserve him. You gave the truest gift to the world, though we did not follow what you told us to do.

Help us to abide by your example.

Teach us truly to hate no one, but to lead others into your forgiving arms.

T. St. Leonards (585, v. 4)

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing – this is victory.

Father, we are prodigal children. We have run from you and found your example too heavy to bear.

Yet still you welcome us with open arms.

Despite what we have done, you have brought us back home and celebrated our return.

For us you have slaughtered the fatted calf. For us you have prepared the banquet. For us you have poured out the wine of celebration.

Through Christ you have shown us the example that we should always forgive, although it is difficult and we may think others do not deserve our forgiveness.

Help us to welcome the lost sheep back into the fold and to reconcile fully with the one who was lost.

Let us celebrate with those whom we have considered our enemies. Let us be overjoyed by the presence of those who have wronged us. Let us love those who have not loved us or you in the past. Let us have faith in your divine plan and full trust in your example of forgiveness.

Lead us to live as you lived and to forgive as you forgive. Amen.

Lord God, we pray to be like Jesus, who tells us to forgive those who move against us and to show charity to those who spite us.

T. Dove of Peace (777, vv. 1 and 4)

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say, to live the words we say.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace, our lives will spread your peace.

God, you forgive all who move against you, just as Christ has told us to forgive our enemies. Through the power of Christ's love, let us forgive those who have wronged us and those we love.

Christ, help us and lead us.

Lord God, you alone have given us the power to trust you even when we feel hatred towards our enemies.

Grant us the power to forgive. Though we may feel hatred toward others, empower us to release that hatred and extend the same grace you have given us. Remind us that forgiveness does not mean forgetting the offense or erasing the pain, but choosing not to carry its burden any longer.

God, we confess that we still hold animosity in our hearts for those who hurt others and even seek to hurt you. Not only that, but we do not follow your ways all the time. We do not turn the other cheek to those who strike us

Grant us the power to follow Christ's example of forgiveness.

T. Passion Chorale (763)

My Father, I have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in extle dwelling, I rise with fear and shame, As, distant, but compelling, I hear you call my name.

And now at length discerning the evil that I do, behold me, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet me and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet me with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, and ever caring Lord, grant now that my transgressing, my faithlessness, may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

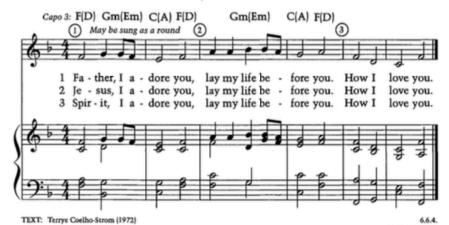
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# SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 9:1-6	Sarah Southerland
Psalm 30	Elizabeth Carter
I will extol you, O Lord, for and did not let my foe O Lord my God, I cried to and you have healed r O Lord, you brought up my	s rejoice over me. you for help, ne.
	m among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, C and give thanks to his	you his faithful ones,
For his anger is but for a n	noment; his favor is for a lifetime. or the night, but joy comes with the
morning.	
As for me, I said in my p "I shall never be move	•
By your favor, O Lord, you mountain;	had established me as a strong
you hid your face; I was	dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried,	
and to the Lord I made	
	death, if I go down to the Pit?
	u? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be grac  O Lord, be my helper!	
You have turned my mourn	
	sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise	
O Lord my God, I will	give thanks to you forever.
Revelation 5:11-14	Kate Sanders
Children aged 3 and up are invited to Music For Reflection - Folia	unday, there will be no Godly Play today. o share in the worship service with their familiesAlessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725) eth Carter, piano



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MARANATHA

Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-19 .................................Jackson Spivey

SERMON: A Biblical Fish Story





### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <a href="https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/">https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/</a>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to homemoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION.........The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood Musical Offering: *God, Teach Us Peacemaking*......Traditional Irish Melody, harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

Lilly Greene, soprano

God, teach us peacemaking, justice and love. Blessed by Christ's teaching, we're lifted above all thought of vengeance or envy or hate. Help us, your children, shalom to create. God, teach us peacemaking in church and home, in school, and hall beneath Capitol dome, in shop and industry, city and farm. Show us the pathways that cause no one harm. God, teach us peacemaking unto the end — parent or child, or as stranger or friend. Fill all our hearts with the power of shalom, living together, the whole world our home.

Doxology Offertory Prayer

MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION





Postlude: Clair de Lune......Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Leo Li, piano

The congregation will remain seated for the postlude.

BENEDICTION .......Jackson Spivey

Congregational Response: Hymn 832, The Grace of Our Lord

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.





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#### SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom MORAVIAN THEOLOGY/INQUIRERS' CLASS, 11:15 a.m., Saal

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Joe and Bonnie M. Dempster* by the family.

#### **CALENDAR**

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship/Youth Sunday - Graduates Recognized 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room

> 11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom Moravian Theology/Inquirers' Class, Saal

11:15 a.m. - Luncheon for Youth, Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. - Moramus Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Monday - 12:15 p.m. - Picnic Committee Meeting, Parlor

1:15 p.m. - Church Family Life Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Breakfast, Choir Room 10:00 a.m. - Women's Fellowship Leadership Team, RB-5

7:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting, CE-101

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant

9:00 a.m. - Stewardship, Club Room

2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor

4:15 p.m. - Wachovia History Guild, Parlor 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Program, CE-101 (Topic: Shotgun House Project)

Thursday - 3:45 p.m. - Wachovia Historical Society, Club Room 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5

7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - Soup Group, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Saturday - 8:30 a.m. - Women's Fellowship Walk, Stuart & Emma

Thomas Memorial Trail

10:00 a.m. - World Mission Committee, Fellowship Hall Kitchen 2:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Darryl Devnich, Saal

Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room

11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom

Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

Inquirers' Class, Saal

Children's Power Hour CE Building

Youth Power Hour, Lot 63

3:00 p.m. - Moramus Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

## **HMC Wednesday Night Fellowship - May 7**

"A Church Engaged, A Community Healed, A World
Transformed" Shotgun House Project
Community meal at 5:45 p.m. / Program begins at 6:45 p.m.

Attending the program / activity following the meal \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No