

Unity Moravian Church

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

THE CONGREGATION PREPARES FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace with ASH GROVE”

arr. M. Ham

HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

Kairos Liturgy

(from Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 8)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;

***Kairos time is the appointed time in the purpose of God. Kairos time is the time when God acts.
A moment, a season.***

Hymn 261

“Let the earth now praise the Lord”

Text: Heinrich Held (1659)

Tune: MONKLAND John Antes (1769)

*Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept his word
and at last to us did send Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.*

A time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A ‘kairos moment’ is the appointed time when the Holy Spirit is moving and ready to act. It is a ‘pregnant moment’ during which the Spirit is prepared to ‘deliver’ the power of God to bring dynamic transformation to a person or situation.

Verse 2

*What the fathers most desired, what the prophet’s heart inspired,
what they longed for many-a year, stands fulfilled in glory here.*

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;

TEXT FOR THE DAY Acts 2: 36 – 42

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY “The Last to See”

SILENT REFLECTION

CANTICLE “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” QUARTET
(Deeje Culbertson, Sharon Dailey, Jay Parsons, Wayne Yancey)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

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CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER RESPONSE “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” Hymnal 745
*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 260 “Rejoice, Rejoice! The Kingdom Comes”

Rejoice, rejoice, the kingdom comes; be glad for it is near.
It comes with joy surprising us; it triumphs over our fears.
Give thanks for as the kingdom comes it brings God’s own shalom,
A state of peace and justice where all with God are one.

Rejoice, rejoice, God’s will stands firm throughout all time and space.
It is a quiet, steady force pervading every place.
It snaps the brittleness of hate, unties the bonds of greed.
It holds our love abundant which never fails our need.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” arr. Bish