

big CHURCH

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING SONG “Glory to God Forever”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious.

C: For his mercy endures forever.

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: Whose mercy has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P: Without having seen Him, we love Him and we believe in Him,

C: Receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, who through your Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may arise from the death of our sin through the renewal of your Holy Spirit and may hear and obey your living Word of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Alleluia, amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 9:19b-22 [NIV]

¹⁹Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²²Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 21:15-19 [NIV 84]

¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20*

P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

SONG “This is Amazing Grace”

SERMON “BIG CHURCH: BIG AUDIENCE”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Stronger”

“Our God”

THE EASTER BENEDICTION

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING REPRISE “Our God”

SERMON: *Rev. James Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

- New Member Class | Begins Today! | Fellowship Hall 3 & 4
- **Men's & Ladies' Night @ Shannon Brewery | Tuesday, May 8 | Register Online**
 - Cost is \$10 per person – bring your own dinner
- Congregational Voters' Meeting | Sunday, May 20 | After 11 o'clock worship
 - Agenda: Budget & Board Nominees
 - 2018-2019 Board Nominees:

YOUTH

- Middle School Youth Night | Sunday, May 6 | 6-8pm | Register Online
- High School Coffee & Devotion | Sunday, May 20 | 6:15-8pm | Kindred Coffee
- Youth Laser Tag | Sunday, May 27 | 1:30-3:15pm | **Deadline to Register – May 23**

VBS 2018

- VBS 2018 | June 25-29 | Registration Now Open – Register Today!
- VBS Family Work Day | Wednesday, May 16 | 6-8pm | Help get ready for VBS
 - Childcare NOT provided
 - Children 6th grade and under MUST be accompanied by an adult
 - Bring your own dinner

