

*Scripture Theme for 2024: Rejoice always, pray
without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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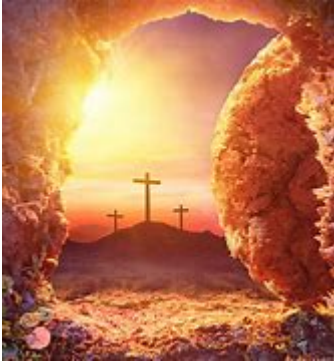
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Third Sunday

April 14, 2024- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping
with us either
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*Congregation, please stand if able

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

***Point to Ponder: Yes there are times
when we are In Trouble, but we Don't have
to Despair.***

BEGINNING WITH HYMN

No. 419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Lord, we have been gifted with the "Good News" of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,

People: We come this day to reaffirm that the stone was rolled away back then and therefore is rolled away for us today.

Leader: We desire to go with the Risen Christ where ever he would lead us.

People: We show true faith as we trust Jesus has shown us the Freedom of life beyond the tomb.

Leader: Help us share our Good News of the Resurrection by breaking forth in real time with others in Jesus' name.

People: We are here to let You, Lord Jesus help us be open to the gladness and healing power of the resurrection.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of the Resurrection Power open us now to be able to see the stone that keeps us entombed in all the people, places and things that hold us in bondage. We know we can not break out of the tight places in our lives without you. “Hosanna”, save us Lord . . .

A moment of silence your personal prayer of confession

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

TFWS 2203

“In His Time”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize your generosity you've entrusted to us.

It might seem tight at times but when we trust you and stay faithful you will bring us to an opening where we can breathe again.

Give us faith to persevere in our giving. May these offerings we bring today reflect our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL

Proverbs 3:5

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.***

Proverbs 3:5

PSALTAR

Joe Rosado

Psalm 4

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa



**“In a Tight
Space”**

THIRD STEP PRAYER: God, I offer myself to Thee — to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away

my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!

(page 63 of the “Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous)

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

TFWS 2223

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now beyond the stones and tombs of life,

People: We

Pastor: We depart in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn