

and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ ¹⁶A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ ¹⁷He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Introit *“We will Glorify”*

Call to Worship *(responsive)*
One : Welcome to God’s new day !
All : Everywhere we look we see new life !
One : In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God’s energizing presence.
All : Death can never be the last word.
One : God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.
All : Praise God for new life within and among us this day !

Hymn *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”* **#229**

Morning Prayer of Approach
O Source of all living things, we praise you for the power of recurring re-creation of life we see around us, and for the timeless resurrection of Jesus our Christ. May these signs inspire us to manifest your presence in our relationships and actions, that those cries of joy first heard on Easter morning may echo through the centuries to our time and place. Amen.

Act of Praise	<i>“Doxology”</i>	#46
Adult Choral Anthem	<i>“What Will Your Answer Be?”</i>	
Scripture	<i>Acts 9: 1-6 & John 21: 1-19</i>	
Sermon	<i>Rev. Wendy Schindler-Chasney</i>	
Hymn	<i>“What Wondrous Love Is This”</i>	#200

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn	<i>“Open My Eyes That I May See”</i>	#586
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Benediction
One: Now that you have heard the good news, what will you do?
All: We will go out into the world, showing by our lives that Christ is risen indeed!
One: Praise God! And how will you do this?
All: We will tell the story of God’s love for the world in Jesus Christ, and we will continue Christ’s loving acts among humanity. Alleluia! Amen!

Closing Song	<i>“Eight Fold Amen”</i> <i>Alleluia (4x)</i> <i>Christ is Risen (4x)</i>
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Postlude
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Morning Scriptures

Acts 9: 1-6
9Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ⁵He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’

John 21: 1-19

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^a Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ ⁶He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^b off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them,