

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

Eleven O'clock AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Elder State Alexander, III

VOLUNTARY ..... "Cleansing Fountain"

HYMN ..... "Holy, Holy, Holy" ..... 138

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### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God you are a redeeming God. It is not your desire that any of your children should suffer. You hear their cries and you come from heaven to save. As we gather to remember your saving purposes for all who are oppressed, give us minds, hearts and wills to hear your word to us, and then to live it. We pray this in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... Let the Heav'n Light Shine On Me

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.

### SILENT MEDITATION

WELCOME TO VISITORS ..... Mrs. Belinda Holt

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... Deacon Ida Reid

OFFERTORY SELECTION ..... "He Looked Beyond My Fault"

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING ..... "The Doxology"

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### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES ..... Old Testament: Psalms 118:25; Zechariah 9:9  
New Testament: 1 John 12:1; 9-16

SELECTION ..... "I Am His Child"

MESSAGE ..... The Lazarus Conspiracy;  
Obtaining the Proper Prospective  
Commission Elder, Bob N. Graham

HYMN ..... "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" ..... 369

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary, sent by God to reconcile the world to himself.

HYMN ..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" ..... 403

### BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY ..... "Old Hundredth"

**\*Worshippers May Enter The Sanctuary**