

*They gave Jesus a piece
of broiled fish*



*and he took it
and ate in their presence*



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Watchword for the Week: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.

1 John 3: 1

Organ Prelude

Ms. Hye Jo Yang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP & DAILY TEXT April 19, 2015–**

Rev. Nigel Powell

*** Introit "All My Help Comes From the Lord"**

Gospel Choir

*** Processional Hymn #548 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

***Liturgy**

Sis. Jasmine Aska

This is the day our Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

His Name is worthy to be praised

Oh Lord, our Lord, How excellent is your Name in all the earth!

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

For his mercy endures forever.

We thank you Oh God for the beauty and splendor of your creation.

All that has been created comes from you.

Sing.

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the world thy hands have made

I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee

How great thou art, How great thou art.

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How great thou art, How great thou art

We are your creation O God who desire to have communion with you. Our souls seek hard after you O Lord. Your children long to see you in the sanctuary.

Yes Lord, we long to see your power and your glory. Your loving kindness is better than life.

We thank you God for salvation which comes through your son Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection has made a way for us to be reconciled to you. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Forgive us Dear Father for all of our sins. We have done things that we ought not to do and have not done the things that we ought to do.

Sing

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Lord we humble ourselves unto you and we confess that we have not spent quality time with you in prayer and in your Word.

Hear our cry O God and attend unto our prayer.

Lord we are thankful that you still love us unconditionally and that you still provide for us and protect us. We thank you for your dear Son Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit that works within us. We pray that our love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all understanding. May we learn to approve the things that are good, that we may be sincere and with-

out offense till the day of Christ, being filled with fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Hear our prayer O Lord.

We pray dear Father that you, the God of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you , the eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of our calling, what are the riches of the glory of our inheritance in the Saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your mighty power which you worked in Christ when you raised him from the dead and seated him at your right and in the heavenly places, above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Hear our prayer oh Lord.

We also pray always that you, our God would count us worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of your goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayer O Lord

Sing.

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Jack Hayford

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O God, you have exalted the name of Jesus to the highest place and have given him a name that is above every name. That at name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father.

All read.

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lamp stands one like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to his feet and girded about the

chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes like flame of fire; his feet were like fine brass, as if refined in the furnace, and his voice as the sound of many waters; he had in his right hand seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and his countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying to me, "do not be afraid; I am the first and the last. I am he who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Sing. Agnus Dei.

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God almighty reigns

Alleluia

(You are) Holy, holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb, Amen

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Welcome and Announcements

Sis. Mercelle Mason

Birthday/ Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"

Greeting Hymn # 821 (tune 543) "This Day Is Holy to the Lord"

Praise & Worship

***Intercessory Prayer**

Prayer Warriors

#1st Scripture Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Sis. Diamond Greaux

2nd Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Bro. Matthew Walker

***Choral Response #846 "Glory be to you, O Lord"**

***THE GOSPEL**

Luke 24:36-48

Sis. Michelle Joseph

***Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"**

Worship Through Song

Gospel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Hymn #476**

“His Name is Wonderful”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Bro. Delvin Edwards

***Offertory Sentence**

“Our Father, you are the God of boundless love that reaches out to all humanity; yet you do not lose any of us in the crowd. Even though we fall short and are undeserving of your love you are still with us. Help us to be more deserving and to give ourselves with love to our friends and others in a manner that glorifies your name. Accept our tithes and offering from the fruit of our labor as our gift to you. Let them be used in a way that will give glory to you. In the name of Jesus.

AMEN

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

So let each one give as he purposes of his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor. 9:7 (NKJV)

Offertory Hymn #782

“Come Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing”

***Ascription of Praise #819**

“For the Life That You Have Given”

***Benediction**

Rev. N. Powell

***Recessional Hymn #185 (RB) “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.
2. There is welcome for the sinner
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in his blood.
3. There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

4. There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrow of the Head.

5. For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

6. If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord. Amen.

Organ Postlude (Congregation Seated)

Ms. Hye Jo Yang

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.
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WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship on this Third Sunday of Easter. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS April 19, 2015

- Join us for Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- The Men's Fellowship Committee will meet today after worship.
- The Benjamin Joseph Group will also have a meeting after service.
- We must close all accounts that owe money for the 2015 Daily Text. Please see Bro. Eldridge Brown today, or no later than next Sunday the 26th.
- The building next to our church is scheduled to be demolished. This is to commence May 11th - 15th. The city requires that the church close during the demolition period. Therefore, the church office will be closed, and no activities will be permitted during the period of May 11th - 15th.
- As we mourn our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin, Mrs. Hyacinth Olivia Hamm Hanley, the family thanks everyone for their support in whatever the contribution was, small or great. For your prayers, presence and thoughts, a heartfelt and sincere thank you to all.

**2015 COMING
EVENTS**

Apr. 26	Worship Sunday - Pastor
May 3	Worship Sunday & Holy Communion - Pastor
May 10	Mother's Day - Men's Fellowship
May 10	Mother's Day Luncheon
May 17	Infant Baptism - Pastor
May 24 th	Worship Sunday - Pastor
May 31 st	Worship Sunday - Pastor
June 7 th	Worship Sunday & Holy Communion - Pastor
June 13-14	All Nations Rally

APRIL BIRTHDAYS	Tristan Huggins	2 nd	Nyasia Nicholas	12 th
	Minerva Joseph	2 nd	Gertrude Weaver	13 th
	Patelina Joseph	4 th	Jere' Campbell	17 th
	Maynel Thompson Sr.	4 th	Iris Morrison	20 th
	Glenneisha Hazel	5 th	Ludwina George	20 th
	Etta Chambers	6 th	Glenroy Aska	20 th
	Cicely Cornelius	6 th	Claire Martin-McKay	23 rd
	Asment Benjamin	7 th	Maynel Thompson Jr.	26 th
	Mercelle Mason	7 th	Adrian Lumsden	27 th
	Zenna Reid	8 th	Alexander Lumsden	27 th
	Eunice Merchant	9 th	Stephanie Grant	28 th
	Ena Morgan	10 th	Alexis Thompson	28 th
	Wynton Pelle	11 th	Meshelle Edwards	28 th
	Philbert Jeffrey	11 th	St. Clair Knowles	30 th

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Vernice Abel
Sis. Madiana Baptiste
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Anna Bishop
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis: Ludwina George
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Catherine Knowles
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Evelyn Lloyd
Sis. Gloria Malcolm
Sis. Ishma Marsh
Sis. Bernice McLean
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Sis. Fatisha Stevens
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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Jesus Familiar and Unfamiliar

In today's Gospel reading, familiar images take on new meaning and offer fresh perspective. In a scene not unfamiliar today, mourners gather together and share their grief. But the one whom they mourn, whom they know was crucified, dead, and buried, is now among them. He is present among them, yet he speaks as if he is not, by saying, "While I was still with you . . ." Jesus shows them that he has flesh and bones and eats fish as he did before his death, but he has materialized among them in a startling and terrifying way not before seen by them.

He is present with them in a new way, perhaps giving them a glimpse of what their own resurrected bodies will be like. He is, at the same time, both familiar and unfamiliar. He reminds them of what he has taught them, and notes well-known testimony regarding him, found in each division of the Hebrew Bible. Through the presence, words, and work of the resurrected Lord, there comes for his disciples a new and more complete understanding of both the Scriptures and the teachings of Jesus. Jesus' words indicate his and his disciples' place on the trajectory of Scripture and prophecy, and charge his disciples to witness to all nations.

Jesus' words also place the disciples of today on that same path of witness and mission for Christ—to all nations. The Messiah appeared in the midst of ordinariness in both his incarnation and his resurrection. The Messiah that we can know continues to bring the extraordinary out of the ordinary. With our brother Jesus present, ordinary moments become extraordinary, simple words become powerful proclamation, minds and hearts are opened and changed.

Accepting our commissioning as Jesus' disciples brings new meaning and new perspective to us too.

*Walter Bishop, pastor, Hopewell Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

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