



New Utrecht Reformed Church at home
3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

We pray:

Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you, to praise you, to thank you and to petition you for the many who are in need of healing. We have no God but you, and we are grateful that we are a family of faith united by you.

We sing:

Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the risen King!

We pray:

I love the LORD; he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
Praise the LORD!

(from Psalm 116)

We sing:

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner come home.

Our prayer of confession (from *Ministry Matters*):

We're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves,
yet you see us as we really are.
Even when we won't listen to you,
you hear us when we call your name.
We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves,
though you gave it to share with the world.
Forgive us! May we know and serve the One
who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

Words of Assurance:

Even though we have not seen Jesus, one to one, we have assurance of his presence and his love with us. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. Amen.

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- Luke 24:13-35

Our sermon: Breaking Bread is Vital

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We sing:

I am weak and Thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk with Thee
Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

We pray:

Dear Lord, hear our prayers for the people we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk. Thank you for being our Lord and Savior; bless us all, we pray, this week until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.
Amen.