

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (each person prays silently)

Dear God, help us to see the needs in our own neighborhood,
and to address them with your insight. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE Selected

WELCOME Cindy Ratliff

*INTROIT #401 “Here in This Place” (v.1) Haugen, 1979

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The bread of life opens our eyes.
The word of life opens our ears.
The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,
and by those wounds we are healed.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN #401 “Here in This Place” (v.1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION
The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God’s forgiveness. First, let us offer a silent prayer, continuing with the Unison Prayer of Confession. Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and

always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison
“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God’s promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.* #580

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 36:5-10 Bibles, p.482/LG. p.627
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*
HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson, 1758
SECOND SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11 Bibles, p.87/LG. p.113
The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*
SERMON “The Miracle at Cana” Elder Don Richards

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men to be reconciled to God and to one another. This, we believe. – The Confession of 1967 9.07

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #366 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (v.1-3) Wesley, 1747

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #366 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (v.4)

POSTLUDE Selected

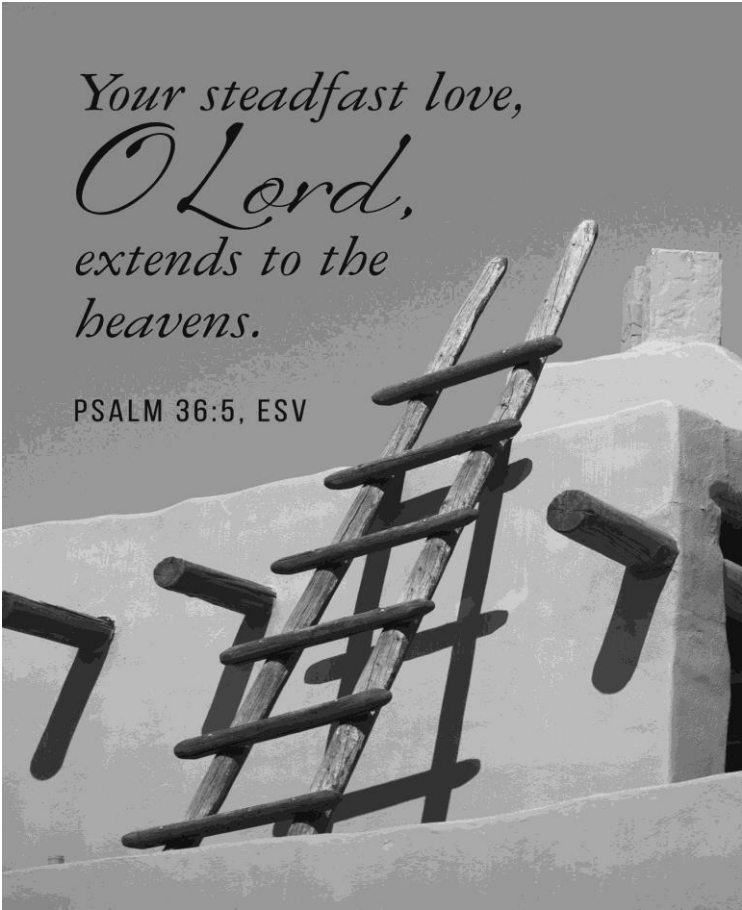
(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Don R. Richards, of Lubbock, Texas, is a 6th generation Texan, and grew up as the 4th generation of a West Texas newspaper family. He became an award-winning community newspaper publisher and recently was inducted into the Texas Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame. He left the newspaper business when he was asked to join the Washington, D.C. staff of a Texas Congressman. After five years with the U.S. Congress, he entered the Texas Tech law school, and is now in his 34th year representing rural telephone and electric utilities before the Public Utility Commission and the Texas Legislature, and serves as a part-time professor of law at the Texas Tech Law School. Active all his life in his local church, Don regularly was asked to speak from the pulpit for more than 20 years before he submitted to his church’s request for his formal ordination as a full minister of the gospel. Today, Elder Don Richards is a minister in the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church, and is presently serving as the visiting interim pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 04/22 Earth Day



*Your steadfast love,
O Lord,
extends to the
heavens.*

PSALM 36:5, ESV

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