

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**Our trials serve in making us godly.**

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

**God's love is manifested through his people.**

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**AMEN AND AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us")

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

+DOXOLOGY

*More Precious Than Silver*

see insert

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **Bearing and Following THE WORD into the World**

+HYMN

*Because He Lives*

see insert

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
(refrain only)

Hymn 106

+POSTLUDE

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# **Order for the Worship of God**

Highland Presbyterian Church

*Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 19, 2015*

*Christ is risen!*

*Christ is risen indeed!*

## **Gathering around THE WORD**

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

CENTERING SONG

*There's Something About That Name*

see insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Adams

The disciples met the risen Christ as they went about their daily tasks – eating, fishing, preparing a meal.

**We have gathered because we too want to know the presence of Jesus among us.**

We gather around his table to know him in the breaking of bread and the sharing of a meal.

**We will return to the world, seeking to know and to make known his presence there.**

Let us worship God together.

**Glory be to God – Creator, Christ, and Spirit of Life – in whom we live and move and have our being.**

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+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit. **Bold: all people respond**

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, as we raise our songs of praise in your honor,  
you cover us in your goodness, the gift of your grace.**

**As you have sent Jesus Christ to make your will known,  
you have promised your Holy Spirit to guide us along our way.**

**As your holiness fills our worship,  
hear us as we praise your holy name. Amen.**

+HYMN *Amen, Amen* Hymn 299

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, your holy birth means nothing  
unless we are born again.**

**Your suffering and death mean nothing  
unless we die to sin.**

**Your resurrection means nothing  
if you rise alone.**

**Raise and exalt us, Lord Jesus Christ,  
both now and in the life that surely comes,  
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
you live and rule, for ever and ever. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words of assurance:  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

+THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:1-4

+HYMN *Kum ba Yah* Hymn 338

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Kelly

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON “WE HEAR! WE SEE! WE TOUCH!”

## Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *I Danced in the Morning* Hymn 302

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Peace with God* (based on Romans 5:1-8)

Since we have been justified through faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.**

Through Jesus Christ we have gained access by faith into this grace  
in which we now stand.

**We have entered God’s grace by faith in Christ.**

And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

**We do rejoice.**