

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 19, 2020

The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 am via Facebook Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen Jesus, we believe in him.

Let us give thanks to God for Jesus, the one who is seen and unseen!

*OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, we give you thanks for this day. We praise you, for you are a God of power and might; a God has faced the powers of death and yet reigns in glory. Be with us this day, O God. Teach us, inspire us, transform us and commission us, that we might serve you with joy in this world. Amen.

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*1. Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.*

Refrain:
***Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.***

*2. Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]*

*3. No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. [Refrain]*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 20: 19-31

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Lord, hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 257

The Risen Christ

MORECAMBE

1. *The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.*

2. *The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.*

3. *The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.*

4. *May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in this and ev'ry land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY