

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE APRIL 23, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In Preparation for Worship – *Eastertide*: Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead every Sunday; each a mini-Easter. The six Sundays after Easter (“Eastertide”) are special weeks focused on Jesus Christ appearing to the Apostles prior to the Ascension. Eastertide ends on the day of Pentecost.

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Youth Choir Prelude “Oceans” by Hillsong United

Easter Paschal Chant:

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

*Song of Praise “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” 323

*Call to Worship: *Psalm 16:2-3, 9-10; 1 Peter 1:3-4, 8*

Leader: Say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

People: **Risen Lord, though you have not seen you, we love you; and even though we do not see you now, we believe in you and are filled with an inexpressible joy.**

Leader: Say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

People: **Give us your Spirit to refine our faith; teach us, O Christ, that our faith may prove true.**

Leader: Therefore, let the people say, “my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.”

People: **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

*Easter Alleluia “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” 289

*Invocational Prayer

Songs of Faith “My Savior’s Love” 277

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Acts 2:14, 22-32

New Testament Epistle Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Responsorial “In the Garden” 300

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Youth Choir Offertory “Easter Song” by Anne Herring

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination John 20:19-31

Message: “The Power of Testimony”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” 356

*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “Lift High the Cross” *arranged by Fred Bock*

*Please stand if able

MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



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