

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 8, 2018

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship:** Holy Three in One, you are of one Heart, Mind, and Holy Spirit. Make us one with our risen Lord and with each other as you raise us into new hope, new faith, and new life in Jesus' name.

**Gathering Music & Prelude** "He Lives" Jan Mauck

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

#### \*Easter Greeting:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Song** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" 293

#### \*Call to Worship:

God of Glory, you are light!

**In you, O God, there is no darkness!**

Son of Light, you are truth!

**In you, O Christ, there is no falsehood!**

Spirit of Truth, you are righteous!

**In you, O Spirit, there is no sin!**

Atoning Lord, we praise your holy name!

**For by all your names and words and deeds, you alone are holy!**

**\*Alleluia** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" 289

#### \*Invocational Prayer

**Song of Faith** "Make Us One"

**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.

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Early Church** Acts 4:32-35

**A Reading from the New Testament** 1 John 1:1-2:2

**\*A Reading from the Gospel** John 4:7-15; John 19: 28-30

**\*Responsorial** "He Touched Me"

### Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

**Offertory** "Bright New Day" by Lani Smith

**Children's Message** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Message:** "I Thirst for You"

Mrs. Sue Ann Seel, CLP at Potwin Presbyterian

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**\*Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – 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** "Trust and Obey" 443

#### \*Spoken Benediction

**\*Postlude** "Forever Will I Sing!" by Lani Smith

\*Please stand if able

**EASTERTIDE** – The seven Sundays between Easter Sunday and Pentecost is called: "Eastertide" or the "Easter Season." During these fifty days, we remember the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ by repeating the "Easter Greeting" and singing an

extra “Alleluia” song. Luke tells us in the Book of Acts (1:3), “For forty days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God’s kingdom.” Eastertide includes the Day of Ascension (Thursday, May 10, 2018) and concludes on Pentecost Sunday (May 20, 2018).

**AGAPE FUND COLLECTION** – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

**CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS** – We are glad to have children in worship! Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children’s bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



**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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