

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude “Easter Hymn” arr. G. Krapf
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

*Easter Greeting:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening #302 “He Lives” Ackley

*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

When we struggle to hear the good news in the clamoring reports of crime, unemployment, politics, and national pandemics.

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

When we struggle to see the good news in the face of poverty, injustice, conflict, and woundedness.

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

When we struggle to find faith amid our fears and wonder why there is little proof of God’s presence from our hard labor.

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

When we doubt God’s goodness and fear He has abandoned us.

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

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*Song of Praise Worship Team
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)”

*Invocation Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter
Alleluia #311 “Now the Green Blade Riseth” *Noel Nouvelet*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Spirit Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 16

A Reading from the Apostles 1 Peter 1:3-9

*A Reading from the Gospels John 20:19-31

*Responsorial #363 “My Tribute” Worship Team

The Prayer of the Congregation and The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Invitation to Giving & Offertory

Message “The Good News of Dissenters and Free Thinkers”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

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

* **Song #287** “Lift High the Cross” *Crucifer*

***Spoken Benediction** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Postlude

“Lift High the Cross” arr. P. Manz
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

*Please stand if able

EASTERTIDE SEASON – Eastertide (or the Easter Season) is a 50-day festal season in the Christian church focused on celebrating the Resurrection and the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ to his many disciples. Eastertide begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (Acts 2). The color of the season is white.

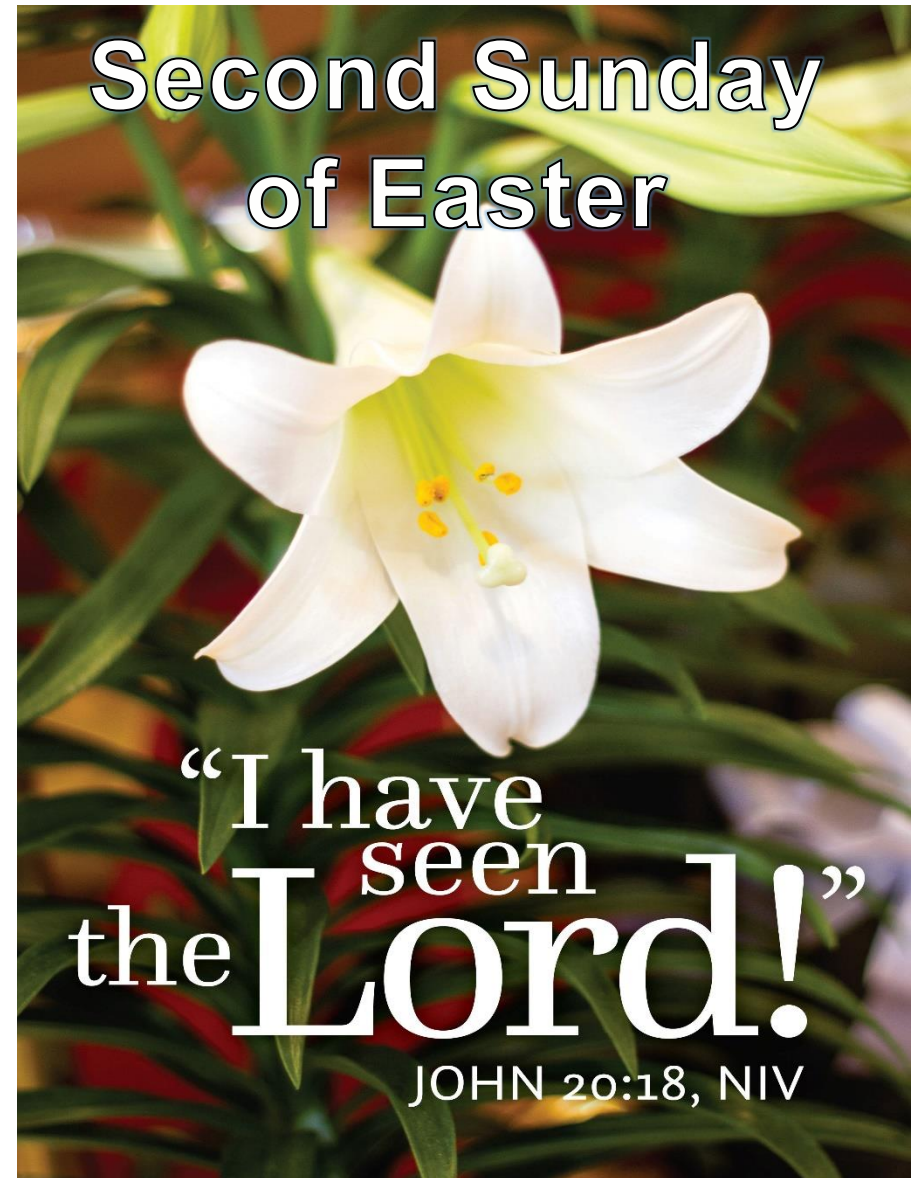
BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song or speak with the Minister or one of the Church leaders.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Homebound delivery is available upon request.



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#302 He Lives

Verse 1 I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

Chorus He lives He lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart

Verse 2 In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last

Verse 3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King

The Hope of all who seek Him
The Help of all who find
None other is so loving
So good and kind

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Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

Verse 1 Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Verse 2 Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

Chorus He is not dead He is alive
We have this hope in Jesus Christ

Verse 3 Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Verse 4 Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia

Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

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#311 Now The Green Blade Riseth (Noel Nouvelet)

Verse 1 Now the green blade riseth
 from the buried grain
 Wheat that in the dark earth
 many days has lain
 Love lives again
 that with the dead has been

Chorus Love is come again
 Like wheat that springeth green

Verse 2 In the grave they laid Him
 Love whom men had slain
 Thinking that never
 He would wake again
 Laid in the earth
 Like grain that sleeps unseen

Verse 3 Forth He came at Easter
 like the risen grain
 He that for three days
 in the grave had lain
 Quick from the dead

Verse 4 my risen Lord is seen
 When our hearts are wintry
 grieving or in pain
 Thy touch can call us
 back to life again
 Fields of our hearts that dead
 and bare have been

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My Tribute

Verse How can I say thanks for the things
 You have done for me
 Things so undeserved
 Yet You give to prove Your love for me
 The voices of a million angels
 Could not express my gratitude
 All that I am and ever hope to be
 I owe it all to Thee

Chorus To God be the glory
 To God be the glory
 To God be the glory
 For the things He has done
 With His blood He has saved me
 With His pow'r He has raised me
 To God be the glory
 For the things He has done

Bridge Just let me live my life

Let it be pleasing Lord to Thee
And should I gain any praise
Let it go to Calvary

Ending With His blood He has saved me
With His pow'r He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

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#287 Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)

Chorus Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 1 Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

Verse 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine

Verse 3 O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

Verse 4 Set up Thy throne that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

Verse 5 For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

Verse 6 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died

Verse 7 So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory

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