



“Blessed  
are those who  
have not seen  
and yet have  
come to  
BELIEVE.”

John 20:29, NRSV

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*  
Campanile Ensemble

Jeremiah Clark  
arr. Marha Lynn Thompson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Marlie Richardson

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

One: Praise be to the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rolled back the stone and brought our Savior out from the grave!

**ALL:** *We rejoice, for in God's great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ!*

One: We praise God for our inheritance in Christ; an inheritance which can never perish, spoil, or fade.

**ALL:** *In the sacrificial gift of Jesus Christ, we find our hope and our future until the day of salvation.*

One: Sisters and brothers, we have been ransomed from the bondage of sin, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ!

**ALL:** *Our faith and hope are set on God, for He loved the world so much He gave His only Son, that we might believe and have life! Alleluia!*

### \*HYMN: 250 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PROMISE

### CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

One: Merciful God, we know that one of the major marks of Christian fellowship is the sense of joy we experience as we gather to worship and to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**ALL:** *Yet, we confess that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when our lives seem empty of your presence.*

One: We have known desolate times, when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy and peace of mind.

**ALL:** *Heavenly Father, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch or see Jesus,*

One: And it is all too easy to lose sight of His living presence in our lives.  
**ALL:** *Like the first disciples, we sometimes find the powerful truth of Easter hard to believe.*

One: Father, forgive us when we doubt, or when we believe and simply act like we doubt.  
**ALL:** *Come to us, risen Christ.*

One: Come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts.  
**ALL:** *Come to us, risen Christ. Fill us with the joy and peace of your presence. Forgive us our sins, and give us eyes to see you and lips to praise you. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: Jesus told Nicodemus that “*God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.*”  
**ALL:** *The good news therefore is this: In Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven, for in Him we find salvation rather than condemnation! Thanks be to God!*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 441)

NETTLETON

*All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

## THE WORD

### \*HYMN: 392 *Jesus, We Are Here*

JESUS, TAWA PANO

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

### ACT OF PRAISE

*Arabesque*  
Campanile Ensemble

Frederic Burgmüller  
arr. Frances L. Callahan

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Marlie Richardson

**EPISTLE READING***Revelation 1:4-8 (pg. 245)*

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING***John 20:19-31 (pg. 115)*

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON***Now What?*

Rev. John White

**RESPONSE****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Declaration of Faith")

Deacon Marlie Richardson

*God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.*

*We affirm that Jesus was born of woman, as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life, are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated.*

*The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule.*

*Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING****OFFERTORY***Liturgical Prelude No. 2*

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Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\*Dedicatory Prayer

Deacon Marlie Richardson

**SENDING****\*HYMN: 744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude, and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

**POSTLUDE***Postlude on CRUCIFER*

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Dr. Terry McRoberts