



PSALM 16:8, NIV

I keep  
my eyes  
always on  
the LORD.

With him  
at my right hand,  
I will not  
be shaken.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

## 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

## PRELUDE

*Festal Flourish*

Jacob

Dr. Terry McRoberts

## OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 16:11*)

*Rev. John White*

You show me the path of Life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Resurrection Alleluias*

Hayes

Chancel Choir

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. John White*

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!*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Merciful God, we know that one of the maj hip is the  
sense of joy we experience as we gather to 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**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

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: 447 We Are Forgiven**

**WE ARE FORGIVEN**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

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

## **THE WORD**

### **ANTHEM**

*Amazing Grace*  
Annika Jerge, soloist

arr. Nichols

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

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

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 817** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 16* (page 495-496)

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Peter 1:3-9* (page 236)

*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** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p. 14 (in unison)*

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*(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**

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

**OFFERTORY**

*Be Thou My Vision*

*arr. Bober*

*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*

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

### SENDING

**\*HYMN: 372** *O for a World*

**AZMON**

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go with Us Lord*

**Tallis**

*Chancel Choir*

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegretto*

**Scholze**

*Dr. Terry McRoberts*