



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

John 20:29, NRSV

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 7, 2024

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Our Lord and our God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES (*John 20:19, 21*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.
ALL: *Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.*

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRELUDE

Prelude on NICAEA
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Farlee

CHORAL INTROIT

Thine is the Glory
Chancel Choir

Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Don Thomson

One: Into our fears and through our locked doors.
ALL: *Come, Almighty God.*
One: When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,
ALL: *Come, Lord Jesus.*
One: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,
ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit.*
One: For the sake of a community that seeks to walk in your love,
ALL: *Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
One: Let us pray. Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
ALL: *To open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 232** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!*

EASTER HYMN

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Our Lord and our God, you have shown yourself to us by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *(from 1 John 2:1-2)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: We have an advocate with God - Jesus Christ, the righteous one - who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.
This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, a-men.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

Fishel

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Callie Craig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***HYMN: 286** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Don Thomson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *1 John 1:1-2:2 (pg. 238-239)*

Elder Don Thomson

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 20:19-31 (pg. 115)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

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

Right Where We Are

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**Congregation standing, if able*

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostle's Creed*

Elder Don Thomson

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
OFFERTORY**

As the Wind Song
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Elder Don Thomson
arr. by Burkhardt

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Don Thomson

SENDING

***HYMN OF PRAISE: 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alleluia!
Chancel Choir

Hayes

(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

A Trumpet Fanfare
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Martin