



2nd Sunday of Easter
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Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Erin Tolar

INTROIT

The Spirit of the Lord
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Wisdom 1:7

The spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP
Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

Pre-K-5th Graders

*HYMN No. 238

Thine is the Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hattie Knapp

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
so we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ.
In your name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Children of God, hear the Good News: In the resurrection, we are granted new life. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn Hymn 248 - v1
sung through one time*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Erin Tolar

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, online giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

George Strain

INVITATION

ANTHEM

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

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*That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*His risen flesh with radiance glowed, feet he showed,
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.*

*O Lord of all with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide,
from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of the Resurrection,

We give you thanks for the hope we have in Jesus.

**May the gifts we give, the time we offer, and the talents we share
be used to proclaim your Good News to the world.**

In your name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN No. 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

everywhere!

POSTLUDE

*Many thanks to Leslie Green and Tom Shelton
who helped to live-stream the service today.*



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