

Second Sunday of Easter



April 7, 2023

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

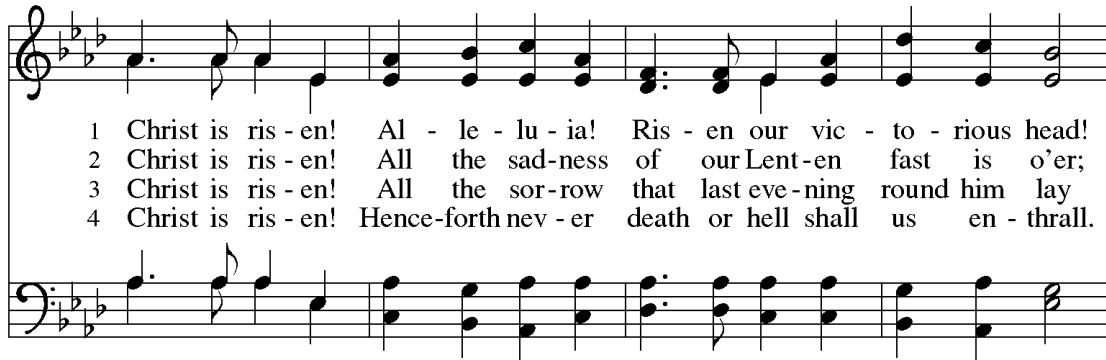
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

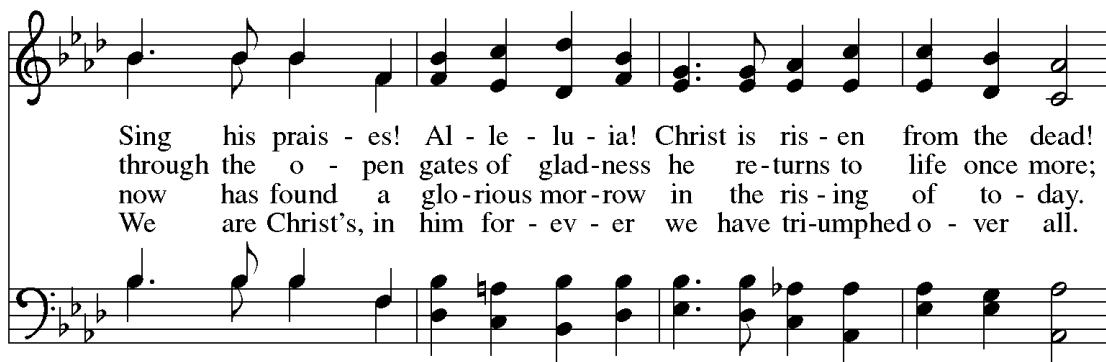
Prelude *Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!*, arr. Robert J. Hughes

Welcome

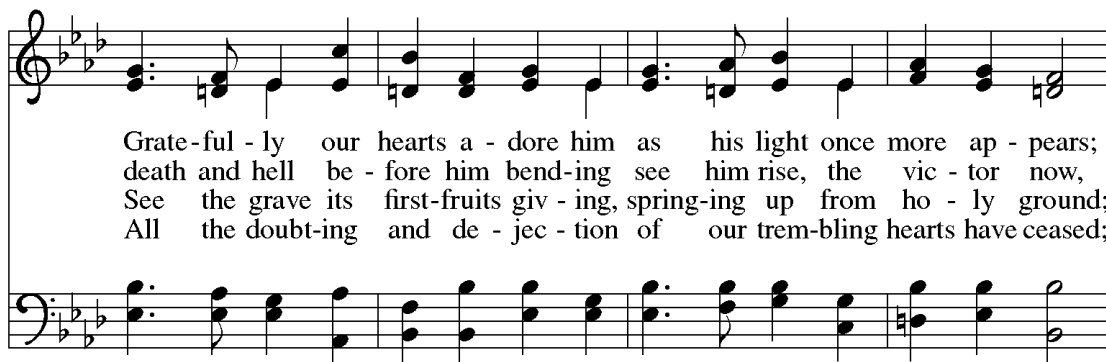
Hymn **Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
 the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

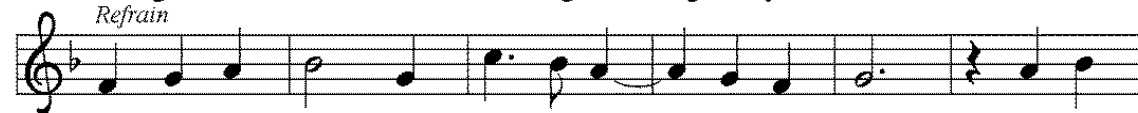


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

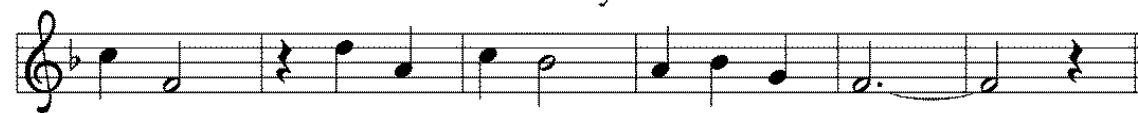


strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



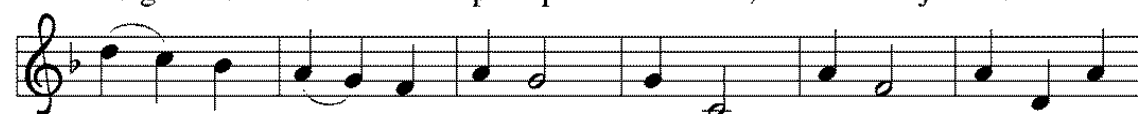
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

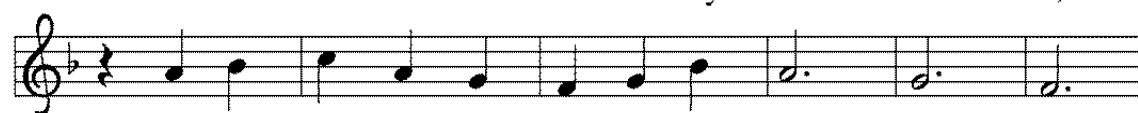


might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Acts 4:32-35 (Common English Bible)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 133



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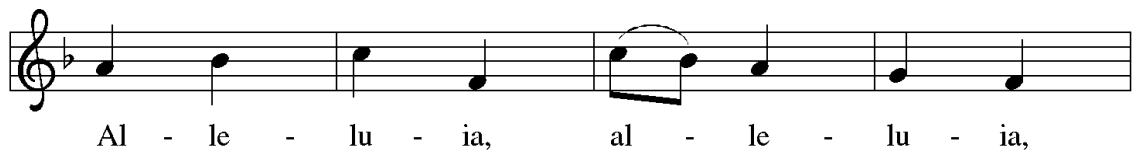
How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his
robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

John 20:19-29 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the religious leaders, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as my Abba sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes.

Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

Letting Go of a Need for Certainty

Musical Reflection

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Donald Busarow

flute duet, April Smith and Emily Kent

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and
her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece
Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman,
Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's
sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren,
David Williams, Rose Jordan

For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newark

For Redeemer community member Wendy Stoica

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty
handshake or a hug.*

*For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign
of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

*We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before
greeting those in the sanctuary.*

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

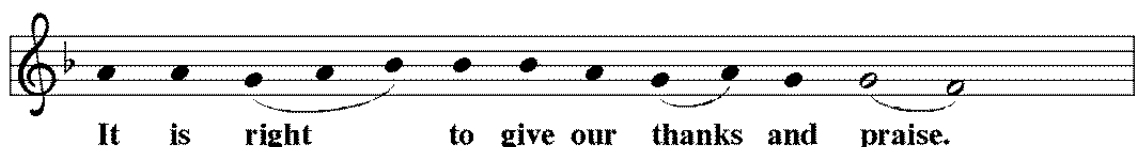
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Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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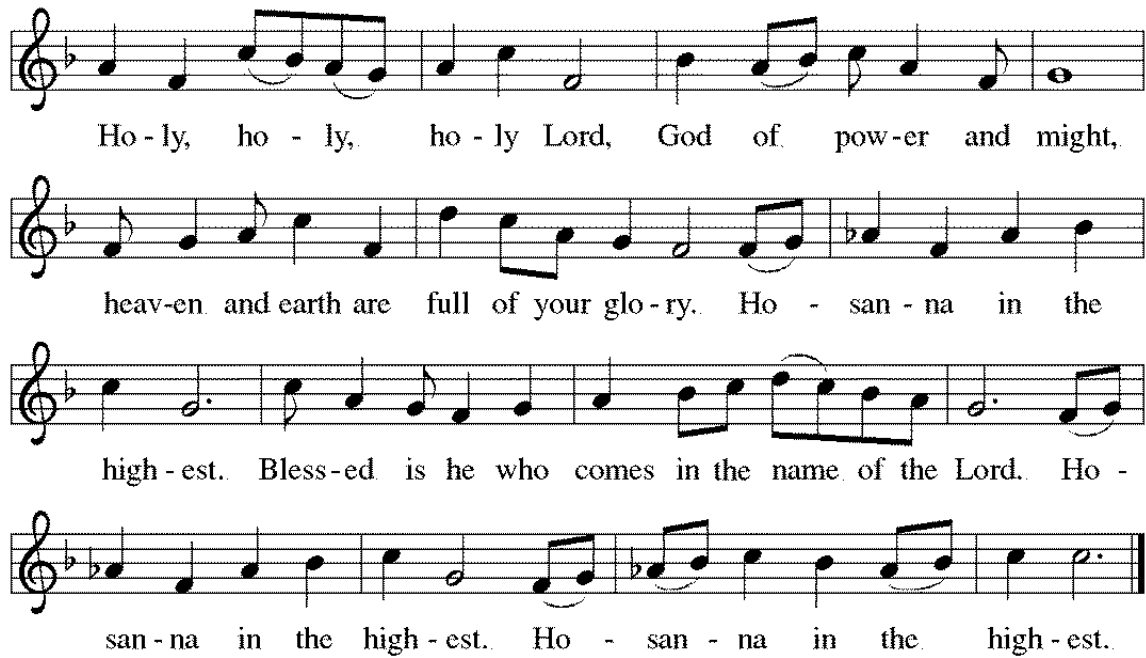
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Great Thanksgiving



We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit’s life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Christ – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

Hymn

Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
 In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
 Music: Graham Kendrick
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HERE IS BREAD
 3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude ***Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain***, arr. Edward Broughton

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Adult Ed – April 7, 11:15 am

With the story of "doubting" Thomas as today's gospel reading, we'll explore questions of doubt and uncertainty in the life of faith.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Adult Ed – April 14, 11:15 am

Executive Director Nancy DeRoberts-Moore of the Bishop Griffin Resource Center in Berwick will talk about the ministries of this organization and the ways we might partner with this neighborhood program.

In-Person and Zoom:

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Bible Study
Resurrection Stories
Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

Starting on Tuesday, April 2, our weekly Bible study will dive into questions about how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell the stories of Easter.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTWI1bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbk9Bdz09>

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A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship

Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81765916972?pwd=bjJ0T1JlbG1keXpsV205TWNHVUFpQT09>

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Wednesday, April 17

7-8:30 pm



ANXIOUS PEOPLE

by Fredrik Backman

Copies are available in public libraries.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

<https://us02zoom.us/j/86071756592?pwd=dm5VN2FaZWlVcUk3bEYycTVRTmpSUT09>

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Phone Only: 312 626 6799



Healing Prayer
is offered at worship
the second Sunday of
each month.



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, April 14 == 11:15 am

Easter Flowers are given by:

Donor

Kevin Bailey

Bruce Collins

Becky Fisher

In/Phillips

Thelma Johnson

John D. Kennedy

Ann Palmerton & Brad Binau

Emily Kent & Miles Smith

Shirley & Matthew Miller

Kathy & Tom Mimplitch

LaVerna Reinoehl

Steiner family

Eileene Welker

Linda Williams

Jennifer & Tim Young

Donor

Heather Coffman

Karen & Al Rider

Kathleen Zwanziger

In Memory of

Ruth Anna & Vyron Bailey

Karen Collins

Parents and Grandparents

Marcene and Don Phillips, Saichi In and Lisa Price

My parents

Rev. & Mrs. Marcelene A. & John L. Kennedy

Merlin Hoops and Walter Bouman

Loved ones

Husband John Miller and son-in-law Rick Henry

John Batts, Our Parents

Dave Reinoehl

Loved ones

Jim & Betty James

Judith & William Huber

Shirley and Bob Young, Karen Collins

In Honor of

Nancy & Phil Coffman

Our family

Chris Faust, Sue Yehling

To the Glory of God

The Dana family

Kay Ernsthause

Paschal Candle

Robin Stokes

In memory of Hilda Stokes, Rob Stokes,
Jane Cenci, and Gerry Stokes

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Joss Dana
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kathleen Zwanziger, Naomi Morgan
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 7 – 14

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Youth Gathering
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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