

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of the resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds, that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (From Psalm 118)**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my .
salvation.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I
will extol you.

**People: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever.**

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(read in unison)*

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Hymn

“Glory to God”

Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry in the high-est! Glory to God,
 glory to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus! Glory to God, glory to God,
 glo - ry to the Spir - it! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!
 Al-le-luia, A-men! Al-le-luia, A-men! Al-le-luia, A - men!

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Choir Anthem “O Sons and Daughters of the King” Paul Sjolund, 1982

O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!
And we the holy church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of light.

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Dr. Mark A. Johnson

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

***Hymn**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

After each petition, please respond with ...

... As you sent Christ, now send us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain) #240

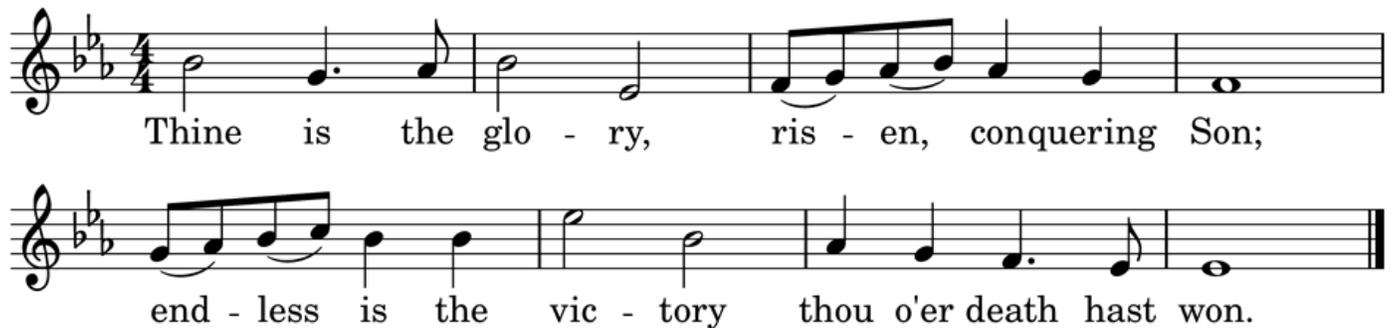
***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn** “The Strife Is O’er” #236

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response** “Thine Is the Glory” (refrain) #238



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, conquering Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

***Postlude** "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Pastors: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Ruthanne Johnson

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs