



*A Service for the Worship of God
The Second Sunday of Easter*

April 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION:

Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude	<i>Jim Pera</i>
Welcome and Announcements	<i>Rev. Laura Nile</i>
Lighting of the Christ Candle	<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>
*Call to Worship	<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

All: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

One: God has given us a delightful inheritance, with boundary lines in pleasant places.

All: In this we rejoice, with our eyes trained on Christ.

One: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**All: For God has made known to us the path of life
and fills us with joy in God's presence!**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to-day! Death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a-way. Let all the earth re-joice and say:
 can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Holy God, we give you praise, for there is nothing that can stop your love for us. We are, now and always, Resurrection people. We know that death does not have the final word. Jesus, we give thanks that you know our fears, our doubts, and our worries. Instead of condemnation, you meet us right where we are, showing us grace. In gratitude for your life-changing, world altering, awe-inspiring acts of love, we give you all our worship, praise and glory. Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you
glo - ry for your ma - jes - ty — fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.

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Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 16: 1-2, 5-11

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Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.
Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Children's Time

Rev. Laura Nile

Anthem

"How Firm a Foundation"
"K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*

Ruth Whatley

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

"What Jesus Didn't Say"

Rev. Laura Nile

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn #250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower
see music on next page

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 B^b Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
B^b Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Presentation of Offerings

If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a reoccurring monthly offering to the church.

*Presentation Hymn #248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

verse 2

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

*Hymn #257

The Risen Christ

verses 2, 4

The Risen Christ

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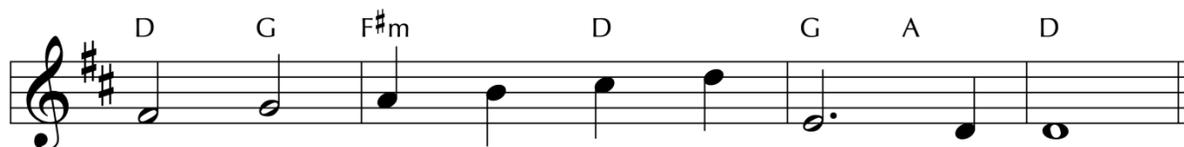
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

*Benediction

*Postlude