



Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

PRELUDE

Thine Be the Glory

arr. A. Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glory to God who won the victory over death by raising Jesus from the grave.

People: Glory to Christ who opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to the Spirit who leads us with peace and power.

People: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heav'nly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wonders,

who nurses us with the new life of your Spirit,

replace our fears that keep us from trusting you.

Teach us how to sing the resurrection song,

and how to live in peace with one another;

through Jesus Christ our Risen Brother. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him

now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sometimes a Light Surprises

arr. C. Courtney
Nate Hein, soloist

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings;
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say—
E'en let the unknown morrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing, but He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing, will clothe His people too:
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
And He, who feeds the ravens, will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear;
Though all the fields should wither nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice,
For, while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 16:5-11

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
Even at night my heart instructs me.

**People: I keep the Lord always before me
who is at my right hand;
therefore, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**People: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

HYMN OF PRAYER #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Leader: This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we pray for the world:
Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

People: **Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for immigrants and refugees in this country and around the world:

People: **Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ,
who crossed every border between divinity and humanity
to make your home with us.
Relieve the suffering of immigrants and refugees
and grant them peace and hope.
Remove all fears and hatred
that create barriers for just and merciful policies.
Revive our faith with courage and compassion
to welcome them and to see you in our midst. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

*DOXOLOGY #94 (PLEASE STAND)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*GOSPEL LESSON (PLEASE STAND)

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rest in Peace

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #322

Up from the Grave He Arose

***Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!***

Refrain:

***Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

***Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)***

***Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

arr. J. Leavitt

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague

Videographer

Nate Hein

Soloist

Upcoming Worship Service via Livestream:

Sunday, April 26, 11am

Adult Sunday School Class with Dr. Perry Kea

Sundays from April 19- May 31; 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

For more information, please email Amy Sell

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Parents of Pre-K Kids Sunday School Class

Begins April 19; 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

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