



April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING

Darren Cushman Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cory Unthank

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. M. B. Bennett

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the Good News:

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the Good News:

Once we were no people,
now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

OPENING HYMN #304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly 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.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Shaw

FIRST LESSON

1 John 1:1-4

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Have Seen the Lord

E. Rentz

Nathanael Hein, Ron Berry, soloists

Great sorrow, and great loss, the Lord upon a cross. The Lord has died, our Lord has died,
Messiah was crucified. And now with joy they cry, the Lord who died is alive.

Unless I touch, unless I see the risen Christ, I will not believe.

We have seen the Lord, we have seen the Lord of life. For He speaks to us, and He walks beside us,
and we know we have seen the Lord. See His hands and His side. Christ is alive, Christ the Lord is alive!

I will not believe you've seen the Lord. Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my hand into
His side, I will not believe in a risen Lord. I'll not believe Christ the Lord is alive!

Shalom, peace be unto you. Touch my hands and my side, and see that it is I.

Touch my hands and my side, I am Christ the crucified.

My Lord and my God! He is risen, my Lord and God!

We have seen the Lord, my Lord and my God. No need to see His hands, no need to touch His side, Lord,
Messiah, my Lord and God!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: God gives the blessings of life forevermore.

HYMN OF PRAYER #314

In the Garden

***I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.***

***Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.***

***He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]***

***I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]***

EASTER PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Lydia Shaw

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 those who are homeless and whose housing is vulnerable:

**People: Lord Jesus, you made your home among us
and in your rising opened the doors of eternity for us.
Provide shelter tonight for all who have no place to sleep;
Inspire lasting solutions that create affordable and supportive housing,
so that all may find rest and joy. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cory Unthank

Leader: God, in your mercy....

People: Hear our prayer.

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

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!***

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Now the entire assembly of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Resurrecting Generosity

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #547

O Church of God, United

***O Church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.***

***May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.***

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

arr. M. Helman

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Cory Unthank, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*

Lydia Shaw, *Co-Chair Mission & Outreach Team*

John Hague, Dick & Carol Tiller-Luchtman, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Chancel Quartet:

Kate Roberts, Amy Cuomo,

Nathanael Hein & Ron Berry

Ensemble:

Tom Welch, Kathy & Jerry Hacker, Greg & Rosie Jordan