

April 12, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**Introduction and Welcome**

**Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Responsive Call to Worship** – from *John 20:10, 21*

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Jesus stands among us.

**The risen Lord is here.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Almighty and eternal God,  
With the same strength of those who believe  
and with the same hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever, amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 253** – *Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen*

**Alleluia! Christ is arisen.**

**Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.**

**1 Run, faithful women, to the graveside.  
Marvel, the stone is rolled away!  
Hear from the angel, "He is risen."  
Christ goes before you all the way.  
Alleluia! Christ is arisen.  
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.**

**2 Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;  
Christ stands before your very eyes.  
Quickly return to the disciples;  
bear the good news: "He is alive."  
Alleluia! Christ is arisen.  
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.**

**3 Gather, disciples, in the evening:  
suddenly Christ your Lord appears.  
"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.  
Peace be with you, and do not fear."  
Alleluia! Christ is arisen.  
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.**

**4 Thomas, where were you on that evening?  
"I'll not believe unless I see."  
Christ comes again, and every Lord's day:  
"Touch me and see; have faith in me."  
Alleluia! Christ is arisen.  
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.**

**Children's Song – *Where Children Belong***

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.**

**Children's Lesson and Prayer**

God, thank you for the gifts of Spring and new life,  
**God, thank you for the gifts of Spring and new life,**  
for the butterfly and its calming wings,  
**for the butterfly and its calming wings,**  
and for the risen life you are growing in us.  
**and for the risen life you are growing in us.**  
Amen.  
**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**CONFESSING**

**Call to and Prayer of Confession**

**Embodied God,  
you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
permeating us with the grace and patience  
that you have shown to us time and again.  
We experience your presence,  
but are quick to judge  
those who do not believe as we do.  
We look down on those who ask for proof,  
we scorn those who scoff at our faith.  
Forgive us and soften our hearts.  
Remind us of our own human doubts,  
that we might have compassion for all  
and freely share your grace.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

Friends, hear the good news.  
Christ has risen!  
**He has risen indeed!**  
In Christ, you are a new creation:  
the old is gone, the new has Come!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Response No. 447 – *We Are Forgiven***

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

And now as forgiven people, I say to you:  
the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you.**  
Let us share this peace with one another.

## LEARNING

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson – *John 20:19-31* (CEB)

Sermon

## RESPONDING

**\*Hymn of Response No. 817– *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***

**1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."**

**2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found.**

**4 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith– *A New Creed***

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,  
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 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.

## **Offering**

### **Offertory**

*\*Doxology No. 606 – Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Offering Prayer**

Great God, to you we give our thanks;  
your steadfast love endures forever.  
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.  
Bless us and our gifts,  
that our lives and our resources  
may be a source of healing and hope,  
of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

## **SENDING**

*\*Sending Hymn No. 242 – Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!

1 Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;  
sing of the seed from barren earth greening;  
sing of creation, alleluia!  
Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;  
sing of the saints in water made holy;  
sing of salvation, alleluia!

Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!

2 Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;  
sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;  
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!  
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;  
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;  
sing, all things living, alleluia!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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