

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 20259:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.
After worship please greet your neighbors by name.

Our Approach to God

PreludeComplainte from 24 Pieces in a Free StyleVierne

The Call to Worship
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
We praise God for his acts of power; we praise God for his surpassing greatness.
God sent his one and only Son into the world that everyone who believes in him might be saved.
Jesus Christ was crucified. But on the third day, God raised him from the dead. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*The Hymn of PraiseThine is the Glory122

*The Call to Confession
Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Believing this to be true, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we do not always bow before him or acknowledge his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him the glory. We have looked out for our own interests and failed to follow his commands. Forgive us, we pray. [Silent confession.] Lord, help us to live as your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In his name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon
Jesus Christ has freed us from our sins by his blood. Through his death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The ResponseAlleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks106

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

The AnthemReflection on the Cross
Sung and played by Dave Donaldson

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament ReadingActs 5:27-42page 1557

The SermonThe TaskRev Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles' Creed (Traditional)hymnal, page 14

*The HymnGood Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!111

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory	Clap Your Hands, Sing for Joy!	Wagner
*The Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	592
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*The Prayer of Dedication		
*The Hymn	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	371
*The Charge and Benediction		
*The Congregational Response	<i>Go with Us, Lord</i>	535
	Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.	

Postlude Canon in B Minor *from* Studies for the Pedal Piano Schumann

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Karen Kalina
Ushers:
Greeter: Cheryl Kelley
Fellowship Hour: Peggy Donaldson
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, The Chancel Choir and Dave Donaldson

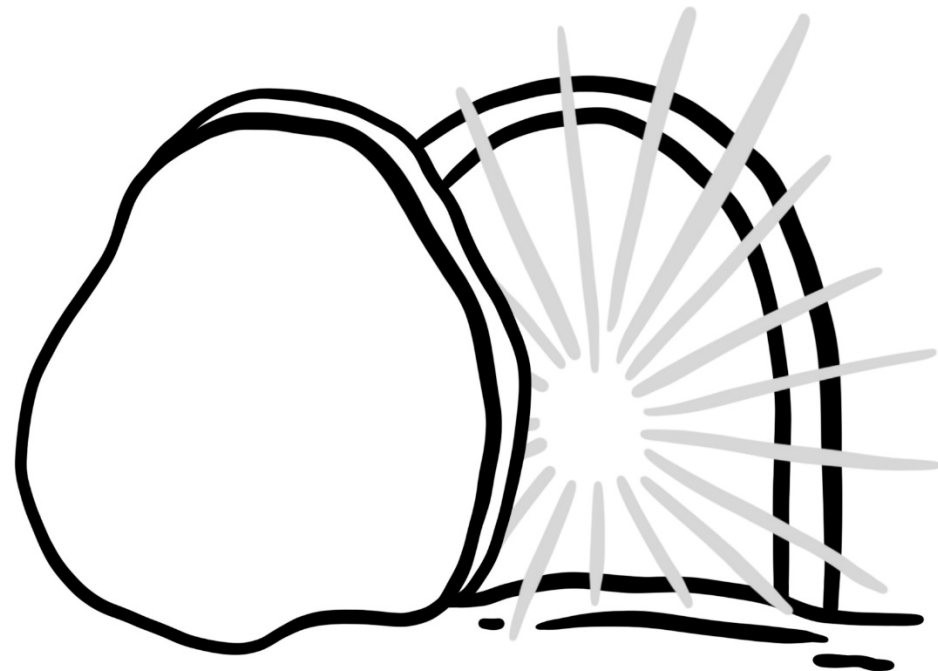
Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for fellowship hour.

2nd @ Second will meet today following worship in the church library

Book Group will meet **TODAY @** 1:00 p.m. to discuss **The Remember Box** by **Patricia Sprinkle** and to enjoy some fellowship and treats. No need to sign up, just show up!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio,

with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.



- Sonia Hoeppner, the church secretary, will be on vacation beginning Wednesday, April 30 through Wednesday, May 7.
- The bulletin for Sunday, May 4 will be printed on Tuesday, April 29. Therefore any special announcements should be emailed to Sonia by 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 28.



Our April mission focus is the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We're aiming in a slightly different direction this year, focusing on water, which is a critical & scarce commodity in many parts of the world! The catalog gives many options, from garden wells to jerry cans for hauling water, on pp 10, 11 & 15. Our goal in mind is the \$1,500 garden well. But there are many smaller options along the way. This congregation has been wonderfully generous the past two years with our livestock efforts. We hope you'll feel similar about the life-saving gift of water.

Valet Service Trial

Session has approved a trial to see if a valet service would be helpful to those of us who have some difficulty getting into the Church

from the parking lot for worship. The plan is to have worship attendees drive up to the door and hand their car key to a volunteer valet. The valet will park the car in a designated spot, lock the car, and return the key to the owner waiting inside the front door.

At the end of the service, the process will be reversed. The car owner will give the keys to a volunteer valet. The valet will drive the car to the front door, then give the keys to the owner. **The trial is planned for Sunday, May 4.**



Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **May 3**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger.

Building Maintenance Updates

- The parts to repair the entry door have been ordered and will be scheduled once the parts arrive.
- If you signed up to be on the mowing team, the schedules are in the gathering area on the desk by the restrooms. If you need a key for the shed, please see Sonia during office hours.
- We have begun receiving quotes for sealing and striping the parking lot.
- The roof/ceiling repair in the old hallway continues as we make sure the leak is fixed.

● Acts 5:27-42 New International Version

- ²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
- ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."
- ³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their

purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

- ⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.
- ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.