

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

9:30 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.*

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Change My Heart, Oh God* Espinosa

### The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Hymn of Praise *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* 383  
(verses 1 - 3)

The Call to Confession 1 John 1:5b-6

God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

### The Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Hear us now as we confess our sins in the silence of our hearts (Silence).

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:9

God's Word assures us that if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Gloria Patri 579  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *Abba! Father!* Landry  
Deanna Patton, Soloist

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children Rev. Ruth Estell

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 133:1-3

The New Testament Readings Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

The Sermon "Believe!" Rev. Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in Heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

The Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* 322  
(verses 1 & 2)

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 Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *As We Go* Johnson

**We encourage you to take your bulletin home and dispose of it there.**

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