

Welcome to  
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**Sunday Worship Service — Second Sunday of Easter**

April 7, 2024 10:30am

*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. John 20:29*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 133:1-3

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! <sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us.  
**Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” PH #104

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

We have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ, the righteous one who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

“Because He Lives” SPW #123

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

Charlie and Beth Louck  
HelenAnn Gray

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 65:17-25

## **ANTHEM**

“He is Exalted” SLUC Choir

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

## **SERMON**

“Show Me Your Hands”  
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

## **HYMN**

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” PH#111

## **OFFERING**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”  
Doug Ferrier, Chuck Gifford, Pastor Andy Gifford

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Distribution of Loaf and Cup  
Prayer Following Communion

## **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 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **HYMN**

“Christ Is Alive!” PH #108

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

## **DOXOLOGY**

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.

## **POSTLUDE**