

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" # 229

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn of Gathering "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" # 222

1. Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never-more shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

\*Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 114 Dean Eslinger

L: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

C: Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

L: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

C: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

L: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

C: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

L: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

*ALL: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.*

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)

Message "The Joy of Fellowship" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings Dean Eslinger

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation Dean Eslinger

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

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "He Lives!" # 226

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever others say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

REFRAIN: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. REFRAIN:

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find none other is so loving, so good and king. REFRAIN:

\*Benediction Rev Schwartz

Postlude "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" # 225

April 11, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter  
Liturgical Color: White

**1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)**

1 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—<sup>2</sup> 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—<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: He is risen

**P: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

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*Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.*