SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess

PRESCHOOL PRESENTATION

PRELUDE *Ride On, King Jesus!* Spiritual/arr. S. Phillips

adapted from Psalm 30

CALL TO WORSHIP Judy Knudtson

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
God's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
God has turned our mourning into dancing
and has clothed us with joy.
O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

***HYMN 238** *Thine is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,
over and over again, you reveal yourself to us through your Church.
Yet, over and over again, we ignore your signs of life.
You are with us in scripture and sacrament,
you are with us in fellowship and service,
you are with us in the good times and the bad.
And yet, our lives are still full of fear and worry.
Forgive us for our failure of imagination.
Forgive us for our lack of faith.
Rekindle your resurrection hope within us.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 583** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* TAIZÉ

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Lyrics from Philippian 4: 4-7

ANTHEM *Rejoice in the Lord* John Behnke
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain
Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord;
Always rejoice in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice!

Let all know your moderation. For the Lord is at hand. (Refrain)

Have no anxiety about anything.
But in everything, by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God. (Refrain)

And the peace of God which passes all human understanding
will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 964 **SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Safe at Third* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Judy Knudtson

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *In the Bulb There is a Flower* Natalie Sleeth

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Judy Knudtson

We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world
through his community of ordinary people;
Therefore, we dare not despise or abandon the church.
Christ is the foundation of the church;
Therefore, it will not fall despite our weakness.
We are confident that the Lord of the church
will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions,
help us in our weakness and blindness,
and use the church to accomplish his purposes.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 246** *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time. *(continued next page)*

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* Charles Callahan

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

The Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Beth Byron-Reasoner, **P**	Leah Cotter, **E**	Jaime Bressan, **W**
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Carrie Mills, **E**	Steve Largo, **B**	Janet Olshewsky, **F**
Sue Nurczyk, **F**	Lisa Saba, **W**	Seth Stottlemyer, **B**
	Shelley Watson, **O**	Denver Stutler, **O**

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

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