



Traditional Worship Service The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude No. 2 in B Flat Major, from *Six Pieces for Organ*

Frank Bridge

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are hungry, O God.

Feed us with bread of life.

We are thirsty, O God.

Quench us with living water.

We are empty, O God.

May we taste and see your goodness.

Let us give thanks and worship God.

Hallelujah! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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AURELIA

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. You assure us there is enough, yet we live in the worry of scarcity instead. You provide for us each day, yet we hoard your gifts as if you don't. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash over us with the truth of your abundance so that we may return to you in peace and grow more and more in love, sharing all that we have with the world, following in the ever-generous, open-hearted way of our brother Jesus.

*Please stand if you are able.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news: **today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. What good, good news. Amen!**

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:4-8

Marie Rosenthal

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

“The Wilderness: A Journey Towards Hope”

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What wilderness seasons have been formative for you? How has God shown up in those times and places alongside you? Have you noticed God’s presence amid our current communal wilderness?

*SERMON HYMN

Hope of the World (from *Glory to God* – see back page)

DONNE SECOUR

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *New Zealand Book of Prayer*)

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Andante tranquillo, Op. 105

Charles V. Stanford

***Doxology**

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SENDING HYMN**

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Postlude in G, Op. 101

Charles V. Stanford

*You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!*

Hope of the World

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1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!