

## WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

**GATHERING MUSIC**     *Clair de Lune* from *Deuxième Suite, Op. 53*     Louis Vierne

**WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE**     The Rev. Dr. James Butler

\* **UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER** (Hymn 232, v. 4)

*Sing we to our God above. Alleluia! Praise eternal for God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God ye heavenly host. Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia!*

\* **OPENING AFFIRMATIONS**

May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us proclaim the good news: Jesus was raised and is glorified.

**Death no longer has dominion over him.**

Blessed are those who have not seen, but have come to believe.

**May we know him today, at this table in the breaking of bread.**

Christ the Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen.**

\* **HYMN 233**     "The Day of Resurrection!"     LANCASHIRE

\* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

**We are not alone!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**UNISON CONFESSION**

Beloved God, when we remain captive to doubt, anxiety, and fear, forgive us and breathe deep peace into us. When we pass by the hungry and the unhoused and do not see Jesus in their eyes, forgive us and help us to be agents of his compassion. When we do not let go of old resentments, break open our hearts and set us free to forgive and to love as you command, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST LESSON**     Psalm 133     (Pew Bible, O.T. p.575)

**ANTHEM**     *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth (Messiah)*     George Frideric Handel  
Mae Alice Harrell, soprano

\* **GOSPEL LESSON**     John 20:19-31     (Pew Bible, N.T. p.115)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SUNG BLESSING** (Hymn 249, v.1)

*Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower.*

*The darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.*

*The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison. O sing this Easter day!*

*For Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen.*

**SERMON**     "A Family Affair"     The Rev. Sharon Core  
"A week later, the disciples were all together in the house, and Thomas was with them."

## WE GIVE THANKS AND COME TO THE TABLE

\* **HYMN 240**     "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"     ALLELUIA NO. 1

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life, who binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostle rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

#### NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY *Méditation* Maurice Duruflé

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

\* HYMN 231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" SUO GAN

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DEPARTING MUSIC *Hymn au Soleil* from *Deuxième Suite* Op. 53 L. Vierne

*The people may depart or remain seated while the music is played.*

#### Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

#### Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor  
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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10 a.m.

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