

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 23, 2017**

**11:00 A.M.**

***Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors***

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Impromptu" Louis Vierne

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Now what?**

Leader: The disciples clung to each other.

They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

**People: Would the authorities come to take them, too?**

Leader: Instead, the earthly Jesus, now risen Christ, appeared despite the locked door.

**People: What next?**

Leader: Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:

**People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."**

Leader: Christ is risen! Now what?

**People: Now we come together to remember him and to work in his name.**

Leader: May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen,  
yet believe.

\*HYMN "Christ is Alive" No. 318

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

*Where Children Belong*

**(congregation sings)**

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

**CELEBRATING THE CONFIRMATION OF OUR YOUTH Hymnal No. 40**

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "Surely, the Presence of the Lord" No. 328

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Readers 1, 2 & 3: (please follow along on the monitors)

**ALL: We are your Easter people, Holy One.**

**Doubters, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious,  
who skip, run, and stumble on the journey.**

**We pray that whoever we are this journey,  
that you might open our ears and eyes**

**to your call, to be Your love, where ever we are.**

**In the name of Christ who shows us how near You are when we pray--**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Assurance"

John Ness Beck

Candice Wallace, guest conductor

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-31

(NT p. 115)

**Leader: The Word of God.** All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**"When Doubts Arise"**

**Rev. Anita Hahn**

A READING

"Where Doubt is Met with Peace"

One: Peace be with you.

Behind doors closed and locked in fear, peace dwell with you.

**ALL: On this path where the footing is tricky,  
peace walk with you.**

One: Through the mist with its disorienting shadows,  
peace gaze calmly with you.

At the table, whether crowded or quiet, peace sit with you.

**ALL: No matter the turbulence or shifting ground,  
peace stand with you.**

One: In every breath, in each wound and every exuberance,  
peace be alive with you.

And may others be drawn to the peace within you.

**GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory Hymn

"We Are Called"

No. 2172

\*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer Over the Gifts

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN**

**"Up from the Grave He Arose"**

**No. 322**

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"Benediction"

"Thou Art the Rock"

John Behnke

Henri Mulet