

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 28, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE "Cantabile" Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED  
*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: Come, people of the Easter faith!  
**People: We come into the light of God's unconditional love and life-transforming power.**  
Leader: Come, people of the resurrection hope!  
**People: We come into the presence of Christ's amazing grace.**  
Leader: Come, people of new life that is eternal and abundant!  
**People: We come to worship, here and now, as the risen and living body of Christ!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "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. 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.*

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

HYMN "Breathe on me, Breath of God" No 420 (vs. 1 & 3)

UNISON PRAYER  
**Lord Jesus Christ, you meet us where we are – here as we worship, and in our lives each day. Your hands still bear the wounds of the nails, but your breath is warm and you breathe forgiveness, acceptance and encouragement upon us, giving new life to our spirits. Death does not have the last word, for your tomb is empty! The final word belongs to you, O Lord, and that word is "LIFE" – new life, abundant life, eternal life – your loving gift to each one of us. As you joined your disciples when they hid in the upper room, so join us as we worship you today. Cheer our souls with your presence, and fill our spirits with your perfect love, your great compassion, and your healing peace. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Christ is the World's Light"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Christ is the world's light, he and none other: born in our darkness, he became our brother; if we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other: no one can serve him and despise a brother; who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high. Christ is the world's life, he and none other: sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother. He who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high. Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father; give God the glory, God in man my brother; Glory to God on high.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

(NT p. 115)

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

*The Resurrection Shaped Life:*

MESSAGE

"New Beginnings"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Possibility Prayer

**Yes. It can happen. Yes. It can take place.**

**Yes. God can do it.**

**After all, the angel said "Do not be afraid."**

**After all, the tomb was found empty.**

**After all, the Spirit, "will pray for you."**

**After all, God wants peace and reconciliation**

**After all, God's name is "justice."**

**After all, God is "liberation."**

**Yes. It can happen. Yes. It can take place.**

**Yes. God can do it**

**BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

OFFERTORY HYMN

"He Lives"

No. 310

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. 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 OF DEDICATION

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" No. 2153 (vs. 1-3)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Sevenfold Amen"

John Stainor

\*POSTLUDE

"Finale"

Charles-Marie Widor

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.