

April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Serenade" Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Peace be with you. Ps. 133:1-3;

How good and pleasant it is John 20:21-22

when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head,
the blessing of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY John 20:19, 22

+**HYMN:** GTG #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION John 20:19-31

You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,

with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,

yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us; forgive us.

Enter into our lives
and cast out our fear

so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 1 John 2:1-2

... in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

send us your Spirit of peace.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE 1 Cor. 5:7-8; Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again. ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Partake of the bread when it comes to you, mindful of your
communion with Christ. Hold the cup and we will all drink
together, mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks

that by the witness of your word

and the sharing of this meal

you have opened our hearts and eyes

to the presence of Christ among us.

Now send us forth from this place

by the power of your Spirit

to tell this good news to the world:

The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Acts 4:32-35

OFFERTORY "Sarabande" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** John 20:19-22

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Heidelberg Catechism
(Germany, 1563)

69. How does baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one
sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it
promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the
body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's
impurity, that is, all my sins.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 1 John 1:1; John 20:27-28

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:32-35 N.T. page 93

PSALM Psalm 133 O.T. page 440

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 1:1—2:2 N.T. page 188

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 N.T. page 88

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 15:1-2

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Tomlin / Giglio / arr. Koerts
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

SERMON "Testimony to the Resurrection" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #233 "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

+**CHARGE** Let your life be a sign of Christ's life John 20:29-31
so that others may come to believe
that the Lord is risen indeed.

Amen.

+**BLESSING** This is the blessing of the Lord: Ps. 133:3
life forevermore.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

POSTLUDE "Salut d'Amour" Elgar

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Eva Schlenner

Communion Servers: Ginnie Gibson,

Sally Hughes, Tom and Tonya Seely

Greeters: Tom and Tonya Seely

Next Week's Greeters: Vicki Drown and Sally Hughes

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#79. Death of Paul:

Early Christian writings say that Paul was executed in Rome by beheading sometime after the great fire in Rome, during the reign of Emperor Nero. (c. AD 64-68)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 2. How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

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Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck.
Class of 2026: Bruce Archer (*Clerk of Session*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond

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Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.
Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely (*Moderator*).
Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
Tuesday	Memorial Committee	11:00 am
	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Parish Life Committee	12:00 pm
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (<i>Children/Youth</i>)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Rachael Greene Apr. 7
Bruce Caltrider Apr. 11 Anne Slavin Apr. 11

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*