

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Christ is risen! Ps. 150

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, John 20:19-27

when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,
join with the weak to make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
pass through our barricades, open our hearts,

and give us peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #462 "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE Rex Hauser
Justice League of Greater Lansing

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Prelude No. 6" Bach

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

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*
(United States)

15. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 5:27-32 N.T. page 94
The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus

PSALM Psalm 150
Let everything praise the Lord

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.

Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has a breath
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 1:4-8 N.T. page 194
Jesus Christ, firstborn of the dead

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 N.T. page 88
Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE John 14:1, 6
Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. Believe in me.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Jesus, What a Beautiful Name" Riches / arr. Raney

SERMON "Breathing Lessons" Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+ **HYMN: GTG #254** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

+ **CHARGE**
Go to celebrate all that God has done Ps. 150:2
as Christ breathes new life into you, John 20:22
sending you out with the Spirit of forgiveness and faith John 20:23
for the life of the world.
Amen.

+ **BLESSING**
May you be filled with the grace and peace of the God
who is and was and is to come, Rev. 1:4
and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
God's faithful witness, Rev. 1:5
who loves us and sets us free.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" Price & Besig

POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.**

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Debi and Mike Buchman

Next Week's Greeters: Steve and Tammy Sowles

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by

Mary Lou French

in memory of

loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#28: Summit:

The church in Jerusalem hosts a summit to settle the controversial question: do Gentile converts need to be circumcised? Their conclusion: no! (*Acts 15:1-29*) (c. AD 49)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 55. How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word, brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life. The Spirit nurtures, corrects and strengthens us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word (1 Pet. 2:2).

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (Brené Brown)	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00—6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
Friday	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr. 29: Scott Robinson Apr. 30: Suzanne Lang
May 1: Debbie Markiewicz May 3: Barb VanDyke

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“Peace be with you.”
(John 20:19; 20:21; 20:26)