

April 19, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

David Cherwin

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Angela Rowland, Education Committee Chairperson

Leader: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season. Gather once more to testify to life.

People: **We declare to each other what we have experienced. In community we find the life God intends.**

Leader: Early believers were of one heart and soul. We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

People: **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection. Christ is with us to renew our faith.

People: **We are here to testify to God's grace. We will share our story and ourselves.**

*Hymn No. 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Regent Square

Invocation

You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, gracious God, as we gather in the name of our risen Savior. You have given us the Word of Life; we have heard and seen your greatest of all gifts and testify to that experience by our presence here. Let Jesus Christ be among us, in our conversation and in our prayers. May our thoughts center on the message that light has come to chase away the shadows, community has been born to remove our isolation, joy has been heaped upon us that we might share it with the world. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Page 148 (NT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Pages 289 & 290 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Lord Is My Light

Francis Allestin

Larry Moore, baritone

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Gordon Young

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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 Thanksgiving

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

Myra Shaffer

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 307

Christ Is Risen

W Zlobie Lezy

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†*Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Page 141 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

" I doubt it..."

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

*Benediction

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided