

April 11, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Myra Shaffer

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Noel Johnson

Prelude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

David Cherwien

*Call to Worship

Alyson Perrin, Education Committee Chairperson

Leader: God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes praise our God!

People: **This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love. Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

People: **We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

People: **We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.**

*Hymn No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den herren

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Page 149 (NT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Page 297 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Myra Shaffer, soprano

Handel

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

The Strife is O'er

arr. from Palestrina by W. H. Monk

*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

Children's Message

Georgie DeLoach

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. 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings
(verses 1 – 4)

Beginnings

*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

“St. Thomas –The Doubter!”

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 308

Thine Be the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hallelujah

Handel

(The congregation is invited to sing along using the inserts provided in the pew racks.)

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided