

May 1, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second Sunday after 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.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Noel Johnson

Prelude

Christ Is Alive

Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

John DeLoach

Leader: We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

People: **Death has no power over us. Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

People: **Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice. God shows us the path of life.**

Leader: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

People: **We rejoice in God's amazing good news. In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.**

*Hymn No. 315

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

*Invocation

Mallory Forte

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you. Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen.

*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.

Epistle Reading

Acts: 2:14a, 22-32

page 144 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Psalm 23

Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir with John DeLoach, clarinet

Pastoral Prayer

Mallory Forte

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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.

Offering

Offertory

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Dorothy Wells

***Doxology 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**

Mallory Forte

Children's Message

Jessica Morris

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.

***Hymn No. 318**

Christ Is Alive

Truro

†***Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mallory Forte

***Hymn No. 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Regent Square

***Benediction**

Leader: Let us go and meet the world

People: **which God loves and for which Christ died.**

Leader: Let us proclaim that God is worthy of our trust

People: **and Christ of our discipleship.**

Leader: Let us live as heirs of Christ

People: **and as the people of God in the midst of God's world. Amen.**

***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

Music Notes

American composer Michael Burkhardt has written a new hymn tune called Carberry Tower and used that tune in a setting of the familiar 23rd Psalm. This particular form of the text was originally found in *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, published in 1650.

Psalm 23

Michael Burkhardt

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.*