

April 15, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP - Hymn No. 318

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Cecelia McGinnis

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hazel Bennett

Leader: The risen Christ says: Peace be with you.

People: We are filled with joy because he lives! Alleluia!

Leader: The risen Christ says: Reach out, touch, and believe!

People: Our Lord and our God! Alleluia!

***HYMN NO. 308**

Thine Be the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

***INVOCATION**

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.**

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,

by the renewing of your Spirit,

arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Page 148 (NT) in pew Bibles

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Page 289 (NT) in pew Bibles

***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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by
which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins,

was buried,

was raised on the third day,

and appeared first to the women,

then to Peter and the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,

the Anointed One of God,

the firstborn of all creation,

the firstborn of the dead,

in whom all things hold together,

in whom the fullness of God

was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Doubting Thomas
Chancel Choir

Mark Schweizer

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

HYMN NO. 310He Lives*

Ackley

SERMON

“Resurrection is Real” The Reverend Terry C. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION*Invitation*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
 When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
 You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
 brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
 and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
 By your great mercy we have been born anew
 to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
 and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
 Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
 who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
 in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all
 the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
 banquet, that in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of this wine we
 may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of
 Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood. Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty
 Father, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

***HYMN NO. 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Regent Square

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go out in the power of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***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.

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

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Communion Servers

Hazel Bennett, Reverend Martin, Lomax and Marilyn Murphy

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Billie Harley** on her birthday, April 17 by her family.