

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Online Worship
April 11, 2021

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” – Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT “There’s Something About That Name” – Gloria and William Gaither

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: In our anguish we cried to the Lord and he answered by setting us free.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: He will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone;

People: **The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but has risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present or yet to come can separate us from your great love, made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN # 72 “To God Be the Glory”

PASTORAL PRAYER Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

SCRIPTURE READING

Sue Clement

Luke 24:36-53 (New Revised Standard Version)

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"The Road to Bethany"

Rev. Kevin Pleas

HYMN # 392

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the sacrament using your own version of the bread and the wine.

INVITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you that you have not left us alone in bitterness and despair. Loving us, you have brought us good news and set before us the ways of life. Yet we confess that we have failed to see the way. In stubborn pride, we have spurned your mercy and your help. In selfishness, we have turned away from those who need us. We have allowed ourselves to be crushed by troubles, as though Christ had not been raised at all. Forgive our faithlessness, and grant that we may know new life and hope, in the spirit of resurrection. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creating God, who brought us into this world, breathed your Spirit into us and endowed us with your likeness, we give you thanks for our creation and for the love that draws us into the community of faith. We praise you for this meal of celebration and remembrance. We pray for your continued presence, as we seek to follow the example of your son's faithfulness. Help us

**now to do your will and fulfill our own lives as we leave this table refreshed and renewed.
Amen.**

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the love of the cross,
The power of the resurrection,
And the presence of the Living Lord,
Be with you always.
And the blessing of the Eternal God,
Creator and Sustainer,
Risen Lord and Savior,
Giver of holiness and love,
Be upon you now and evermore.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE “Allegro Maestro e Vivace” from Sonata no. 2 – Felix Mendelssohn

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Opening Hymn no. 72

“To God Be the Glory”

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, get things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Prayer Response

Hymn No. 305

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Closing Hymn no. 392

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

1. Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly in your name, two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them; Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now your garment’s hem.

2. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya, Alleluya, so now bind our friendship up.

3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluya, Alleluya, we will serve with faith anew.