

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

April 24, 2022 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE *Adagio* – Charles-Marie Widor Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Carolyn Keilig

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead.**

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

**People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Lord, the resurrection of your son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

A TIME TO WONDER Rev. Carolyn Keilig

MUSICAL OFFERING *Rock of Ages* – arr. Lorie Line

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (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 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.**

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 46)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:14-29 and Acts 5:27-32

Craig Finefrock

SERMON

*Centering with God*

Rev. Barbara Papagian

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

\*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 384 *Here at thy Table, Lord*

CALL TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 613 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: Go from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard.

**People: We will share God's love with those we meet.**

Leader: Go and bring hope to those in despair.

**People: We will live lives of gratitude and praise.**

Leader: May the love of God, the peace of Jesus Christ, and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit be within and among you until we meet again. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Psalm 118:14-29**

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Acts 5:27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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