

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Organ & Piano • Chris DiMarco, Cantor

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### Prelude

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### Welcome

with Pastor Jeremiah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Jeremiah

Today is the first day of our week.

**Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.**

Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

**Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

**Praise be to God. Amen.**

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### + Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

United Methodist Hymnal #139

verses 1, 2, & 5

### Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

### Verse 2

Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings,  
e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all,  
whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

### Verse 5

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

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## Opening Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

*We hear your calling, Lord; how can we keep from singing? How can we keep our lips from proclaiming the good news, that Jesus Christ is risen, bringing healing and forgiveness to all? From the life in his blood he has freed us, making us a royal priesthood. Whether we have seen or believe without seeing, we have found life in his name. In Christ's name, we give thanks and praise. Amen!*

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## Passing the Peace

with Pastor Hannah

The peace of Christ be with you!

*Also with you!*

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## Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

United Methodist Hymnal #191

### Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

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## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

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## Scripture

*Acts 5:27-32*

with Sean Les

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<sup>27</sup> The apostles were taken before the Sanhedrin, and the high priest began to interrogate them: <sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach about that name, yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching—and you're determined to make us responsible for this Jesus' blood." <sup>29</sup> To this, Peter and the apostles replied, "Better for us to obey God than people! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors has raised Jesus, whom you put to death by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> This One, who has been exalted to God's right hand as Ruler and Savior, is to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins to Israel. <sup>32</sup> We are eyewitnesses to this. And so is the Holy Spirit, who has been given to those who obey God."

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## Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God!***

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## Preparation Music

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

by William B. Bradbury

arranged by Arnold B. Sherman

with Carrillon Bells

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## Sermon Preparation

May the words of my mouth,

***and the meditation of our hearts***

***be acceptable to your Spirit,***

***our Rock and our Redeemer.***

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## Sermon

*We Are Witnesses*

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Hymn of Response

*Spirit of God*

The Faith We Sing #2117

verses 1, 4 & 5

### Verse 1

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,  
blow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! [x2]

### Verse 4

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,  
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! [x2]

### Verse 5

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,  
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! [x2]

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## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Hannah

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## Offertory

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

United Methodist Hymnal #94

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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!

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## Prayer of Dedication

with Pastor Hannah

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## Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*Let All Things Now Living*

The Faith We Sing #2008

verse 1 & 2

### Verse 1

Let all things now living

a song of thanksgiving

to God the Creator triumphantly raise,

who fashioned and made us,

protected and stayed us,

who guides us and leads

to the end of our days.

God's banners fly o'er us;

God's light goes before us,

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

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till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel  
from light into light.

## Verse 2

The law God enforces,  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit  
obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean  
proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration  
a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest  
hosanna and praise!

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## Postlude

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## Benediction

with Pastor Jeremiah