

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

As we enter, may we be reminded: *Surely, the Lord is in this place.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Risen Savior, as you stood in the middle of your friends on that first Easter night, come among us now, show us that death and sin no longer stand in the way of our life with you. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE #693

"Though I May Speak"
April Hymn of the Month

Hopson, 1972

WELCOME

Bert Lowe

*INTROIT #238

"Thine Is the Glory" (v.1)

Hoyle, 1923

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word of life spoke:

so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

The Word of life reached out:

so we could touch the hope which heals us.

The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

so we could follow him into life forever.

*HYMN #234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Neale, 1859

CALL TO CONFESSION

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news we have to declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the bright light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

#579

ANTHEM

"Had It Not Been"
Travis and Patsy Reynolds

by Rusty Goodman

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Acts 4: 32-35

Bibles, p. 114 / LG. p. 148

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Sleeth, 1986

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31

Bibles, p. 109/ LG. p. 141

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"A Sense of Touch"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called "Abba, Father." In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God – preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules

