

# Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

The Lord has made known to me the paths of life;  
the Lord will fill me with joy in His presence.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Gracious and Holy God, open us to the realization of your promise of presence in our lives so that we live gratefully surrounded, filled, and accompanied by your love. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

\*INTROIT #664

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Farjeon, 1931

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*The whole creation rejoices; the birds sing from every tree.*

Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

*Babies babble with sounds of joy; words cannot express our overflowing hearts.*

Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

*Breathing peace on us in these moments; surrounding us with grace and hope.*

\*HYMN #286

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Hatch, 1878

CALL TO CONFESSION

Afraid that God will find out how faithless we are, we try to lock up our hearts so God cannot see our foolish lives and failures. Let us confess our sins to the One who offers us peace and healing, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, Path of Life. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, God whose breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to*

*follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

*Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. 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.*

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Bibles, p.218/LG. p.281

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #817

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

Alford, 1844

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Bibles, p.108/LG. p.141

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"Receive the Living Hope"*

Jen Mitchell

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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 blessings the children, Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts and forgiving sinners, and calling all to repeat and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

— a Brief Statement of Faith

