

# Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.  
His greatness no one can fathom.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Kathy Porter

\*INTROIT #336

*"We Gather Together" (v.1)*

Baker, 1894

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.  
*Thanks be to God.*

\*HYMN #250

*"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*

Sleeth, 1986

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin, first, silently and then with the Unison prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in*

*you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Thanks be to God.*

\*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.*

#580

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Bibles, p.108/LG. p.141

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #833

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

Matheson, 1881

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-32

Bibles, p.29/LG. p.37

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"Long for a Limp"*

Rev. David Reeder

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.*

– The Confession of 1967 9.54, 9.55

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHOIR

*“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”*

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #839

*“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (v.1-3)*

Crosby, 1873

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #839

*“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (v.1)*

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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**This week's prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thur. 04/12

Session Meeting

6:30pm



be with you.  
As the Father has  
sent me,  
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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