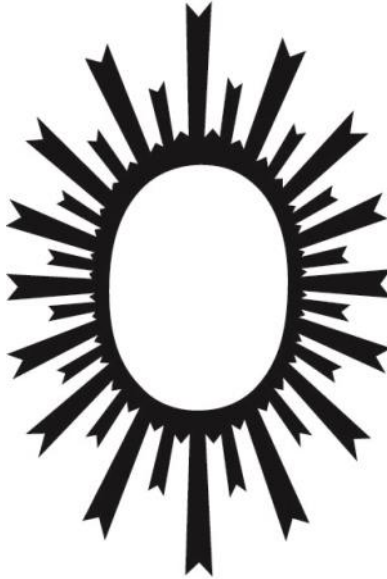


The Service for the Lord's Day



April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Fanfare and Dance on *Easter Hymn*”

Jeffrey Blersch

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: May we, being rooted and established in love—

All: together, with all the Lord’s holy people—

One: grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of our risen Christ. And may we know this love that surpasses knowledge

All: so that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

***HYMN #299**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Even as we continue to praise the risen Lord, we are aware of our failings and the ways we turn from God’s ways. Our hope returns when we offer a confession of our sins. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of love, we do not always act like the saints you have made us to be. Forgive us when we forget what it means to be holy: that it is not just a special blessing, but also a high calling. Help us remember that you have set us apart to serve our neighbors, to remind others they are not alone, to act as if we are your hands and feet in the world. Give us the grace and the courage to act in these ways, proclaiming the truth of the resurrection. Restore us to your right paths when we choose to act otherwise.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through the risen Christ we pray,

All: Amen.

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright 299

D Bm A D G/B D/A Gmaj7 A D

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;
 3 O Je - sus, strong in gen - tle - ness,
 4 Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

G D/F# D A C# A D G/D D

the sun shone out with fair - er light,
 his wound - ed hands and feet he showed;
 come now your - self, our hearts pos - sess,
 in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

A C# Bm E7/G# A D G G/B D

when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
 those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave
 that we may give you all our days
 your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield

Em A C# D A D/F# G A D

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.
 that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 from ev - ery weap - on death can wield.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The love of God is your firm foundation; by faith you are rooted deeply in the Lord who offers forgiveness and freedom. May you attain the fullness of being, the fullness of life that God brings.

All: By the grace of Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As Easter people, we share the peace we know in Christ. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Give us strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 25”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. Peter*, #603 “In Christ There Is no East or West”

***“Make me to know Thy paths, O God, and lead me in Thy way;
To learn Thy saving truth my heart shall meditate each day.
The Lord is goodness, truth, and love, God’s path the saints have trod;
And children of the covenant still walk beside their God.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 25 © 1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1:1-2; 3:14-19

Pew Bible, NT pg. 204

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lower case saints”

Elder Derek Helenberger

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Meditation on *Alleluia No. 1*”

Aaron David Miller

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostles’ Creed**

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #531**

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Keith Kolander

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Rejoice in God's Saints

531

G D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ D G

1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;

D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ A7 D

a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

B Em $\frac{F\#m7(b5)}{E}$ $\frac{B}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood;
 they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

$\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{F\#\dim}{A}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G C Am D G

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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The congregation voted to authorize the sale of the Hendrie Blvd. parking lot at the special congregational meeting held on April 10, 2022. This authorization allows the church to move forward with efforts to sell the property to one or more builders or developers to build one or two new homes on that land. Approval to move forward with a sale must also be obtained from the Detroit Presbytery. Our proposal will be presented to the Presbytery's Board of Trustees at its meeting on May 3, 2022, and if approved, will be presented to the full Presbytery on May 24, 2022. The land will be actively marketed once Presbytery gives its approval.

Information was offered at the congregational meeting about an offer received from a local builder. Unfortunately, that builder decided to back away from that deal.

However, we remain optimistic about the ultimate prospects of a sale that will provide substantial benefits to the church.

Kevin Ball, Derek Helenberger, and Keith Weber are the members of the task force overseeing the sale of the Hendrie parking lot. They will be available in the church parlor on May 1 after the 10:30 service to answer questions about selling the parking lot.



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by The Jarrait Family
in memory of Barbara Ritchie.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, LEARN, AND WORSHIP

April is Earth Care Month

Today, our Christian Education Earth Care display will include ideas for sustainable cleaning products, contacting companies to encourage sustainable practices, thinking about plant-based meals, getting out into nature, and planting trees throughout the community. Let's continue to celebrate our stewardship of the Earth today and always. Pick up a free *Yes! Magazine* and reusable shopping bag at our table in the CE Lobby.

Chapel Worship Service at 9 am Resumes on May 1

We are pleased to welcome worshippers back to our 9 am Sunday worship service in Evans Chapel beginning Sunday, May 1. A new commercial air purifier has been installed in the chapel to increase ventilation and safety in the worship space. Make sure your friends know to join us for worship!

Mission Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to provide lunch at Starr Presbyterian Church for South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless **April 26 & May 24**. Contact Helen Dusenbury hdusenbury@gmail.com or 248-417-3044.

Spring Grounds Clean-Up • Saturday, May 7

Join us **9 am to 12 noon** as we ready the church grounds for the season.
May 14 is the rain date.

Senior Sunday is May 15

EPCRO will honor those graduating from high school during worship on **May 15**. Seniors will use their gifts to lead us in worship on this special day.

Caring for Creation Book Discussion • Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm

Join us to discuss the best-seller *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. After our April focus on caring for creation, this discussion is the next step to take care of God's good world. Member Luke DeVantier will moderate. **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647098066>
Meeting ID: 886 4709 8066

60 Volunteers Needed for Rise Against Hunger on May 22

After worship on **Sunday, May 22**, we will package an extraordinary number of meals that will be sent around the world. Use this link to sign up so that a space is reserved for you!
<https://tinyurl.com/2p94mzd9>