

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 2019

## THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“The Sound of Music Medley”

Rodgers/Hammerstein



\* Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!

**All: Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**All: Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**All: Let everything with life and breath, praise God!**

\* Opening Hymn #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith to the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

\* Response #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

vs. #1

\* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ)

\* Hymn #487

“These Treasured Children”

vs. #1

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

**All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 150

Pew Bible – OT p.583

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music

“The Sound of Music”  
(Vocalist ~ Rachel O'Brien)

Rodgers/Hammerstein

Second Reading

John 20:19-23

Pew Bible – NT p.115

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Joy!”

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Hymn (see projection)

“My Favorite Things”

Rodgers/Hammerstein

\* Affirmation of Faith

“Because You Live, O Christ”

Hymnal, pg. 249

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.  
2. Jesus, I adore you... 3. Spirit, I adore you...

\* Please stand as you are able

**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

## Offering

Musical Offertory                      “This Joyful Eastertide”                      setting, John A. Behnke

\* Doxology #157                      “I Danced in the Morning”                      vs. #5

### \* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

### THE SENDING OUT

Ministry of Music                      “Climb Ev’ry Mountain”                      Rodgers/Hammerstein  
*(Vocalist ~ Carol Walter)*

\* Charge & Benediction                      “Benediction (Edelweiss)”                      Rodgers/anonymous  
*(see projection)*

\* Postlude                      “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”                      setting, John A. Behnke



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you  
in the prayer room if needed.*

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Our beautiful chancel flowers this morning are given by the  
Dzekute Family in celebration of Mikaela’s 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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### Assisting in Worship This Morning

**Greeters:** Gary & Kim Williams

**Liturgist:** Cole Griffin

**Acolytes:** Katie & Olivia Bivins

**Ushers:** Bill Picard, Ken Nyberg, Lou Seiler & Rosemarie Pagel

**Organist:** Julie Mackey

**Church Steps Director:** Ted Huebbe

**Elder of the Month:** Chris Bivins

**Deacons of the Month:** Betty Pajkos & Debbie Pahl

**Tech Crew:** Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks & Joe Williams

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