

Great grace was upon them all. **Acts 4:33**

The LORD ordained his blessing. **Psalms 133:3**

Our joy may be complete. **1 John 1:4**

“Peace be with you.” **John 20:26**

**Guest Preacher**  
Rev. Colleen Earp

**Assistant**  
Brad Toole

**Accompanist**  
Sam Jannotta

**Offertory**  
Men’s Quartet

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#### To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

## THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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### Introit (4x)

*Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.*

### Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

Christ is Risen!  
*Christ is Risen, indeed!*

\*+Hymn 236  
“The Strife Is O’er”

**Prayer for Resurrection**  
(see insert)

+Response 250  
“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

### Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

\*+Response 243 (3x)  
*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*  
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**Blessing the World**  
Eritrea, Ethiopia

+Response 240, refrain (2x)  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

### First Pew

+Response 240, refrain (2x)  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

### Welcome and Parish Life

## THE WORD OF HOPE

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### Reading

### Interlude

**Lesson**  
John 20:19-31

### Sermon

\*Hymn 231  
“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

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### Memorial Moment

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Offering Our Gifts

**Offertory**  
“It Is Well with My Soul”

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### \*Acclamation

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

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### \*Sending 246 v. 1, 5

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.*  
*The cross stands empty to the sky.*  
*Let streets and homes with praises ring.*  
*Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring*  
*good news to this and every age,*  
*till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,*  
*with justice, love, and praise.*

### \*Postlude

The human impulse to create and find meaning is a gift of grace.

**Karen Swallow Prior**

Grace is love that seeks you out when you have nothing to give in return.

**Tullian Tchividjian**

I do not understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.

**Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict**

Grace is the weapon that disarms the dark.

**Ann Voskamp**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### Lesson Translation

New Revised  
Standard Version

### Flowers

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**Eastertide**  
Second Sunday

**April 7, 2024**  
11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 7 • Second Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19–31*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 W. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414

**Wednesday, April 10**

- 10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom

**Thursday, April 11**

- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship hall/Hybrid

**Sunday, April 14 • Third Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is from Zimbabwe. The Opening Hymn pairs a 17th Century Latin tune with a 19th Century text. The late 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Resurrection was inspired by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé Community. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew were created for an ecumenical community in Ann Arbor, MI. The Sermon Hymn pairs contemporary language of resurrection with a traditional Welsh melody. The late 20th Century Sending Hymn was written after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Now the whole group of those who believed  
were of one heart and soul,  
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,  
but everything they owned was held in common.  
With great power the apostles gave their testimony  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great grace was upon them all.  
There was not a needy person among them,  
for as many as owned lands or houses sold them  
and brought the prices of what was sold.  
They laid it at the apostles' feet,  
and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Acts 4:32-35**

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