

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Psalm 16:1

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.

Acts 2:28

Although you have not seen hi, you love him . . .

1 Peter 1:8a

Do not doubt, but believe.

John 20:27b

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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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Easter Proclamation

Christ Is Risen!

Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

Introit (3x)

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

Proclamation

Please join me in our 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.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 243 (3x)**

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

Response 250, v. 1

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

First Pew

Response 250, v.3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 20:19-31

Reflection

***Hymn 744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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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

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.

God is nearer to us than our own soul.

Julian of Norwich

The morning wind forever blows; the poem of creation is uninterrupted.

Henry David Thoreau

Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith.

Paul Tillich

Faith is a journey through the mist, not a leap into the clear.

George MacDonald

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

Sermons & Information

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Sunday, April 12 • Second Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 Psalm 111:1 1Peter 1:3 John 20:19-31

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall / Downstairs

Tuesday, April 14

Office Hours 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 15

Office Hours 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, April 16

Office Hours 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Office Hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

10:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Training Session – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 19 • Third Sunday of Eastertide

Iaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 34:1-10 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Eastertide
Second Sunday

April 12, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Gentle love

Christ, the Gentle One, has been crucified,
and raised from the dead.

So you have nothing to fear:
be gentle and know
that the hidden power in simple love
conquers all things.

Let the power of resurrection
raise in you the strength of love,
the steadfastness of compassion,
the wisdom of forgiveness,
the confidence of Christ,
the glory of God.

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