

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

The service of worship begins with the prelude. Please be mindful of those who are praying.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

PRELUDE

English Air

arr. John Coccozas

INTROIT

Come, Into God's Presence

No. 413

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

No. 234

Tune: ST. KEVIN

Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mighty God: By your power Christ was raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

KYRIE

No. 796

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

*WORDS OF PEACE

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of
Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Donald Busarow

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus broke the bonds of death and scattered the powers of darkness: Arm us with such faith in him that, facing evil and death, we may overcome as he overcame, through Jesus Christ, our hope and redeemer. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 16

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:14, 22-36

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SERMON

“Pitching Our Tents on Hope”

Mr. Shelburne

“But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.” Acts 2:24

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. His complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

*HYMN

No. 254

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

THE PRAYERS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

arr. John Ccozas

*DOXOLOGY

No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*HYMN

No. 268

Tune: DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

*Congregation please stand.