

Worship on the Second Sunday of Easter  
April 7, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor  
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** "Interlude in G Major" L. Mourian

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

With the women whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim: **We have seen the Lord!**

With the disciples whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare: **We have seen the Lord!**

Christ, the risen Lord, is with us. **Let us worship God!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal God, Creator of all, the risen Christ taught from scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May he breathe on us his peace, so that our eyes may be opened to recognize him and to follow wherever he leads, for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 318** "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Living God, you stripped a Roman cross of its power and raised Jesus Christ from death in the tomb to eternal life. The forces of death cower before you. We confess that sometimes we still act as if death has the final word. We cling to familiar shores, rather than crossing into the future you have prepared for us. We hesitate when you nudge us by your Spirit, rather than yielding to your will that brings renewal. Help us to say "yes" to new opportunities that could bear fruit for your kingdom as we work together in this part of the world. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Passage** Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35

**Second Passage** John 20:19-31

**Sermon** "Practical Faith" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** "Creating God, Your fingers Trace" Robert Schumann

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, you are faithful! Through Jesus' resurrection, you have healed us. You call us to share your word of life with others so our joy may be complete. Light the way for us to live in friendship with Christ, with one another, and with our neighbors. May our gifts reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues.) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer** (*trespasses*)

**Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion**

**Hymn 581** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

**Benediction** Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Postlude** "Orgelstück" Anton Kehrer

### Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 9 9:30 -10:30 a.m.  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees** online

Wednesday, April 10 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online  
**Book Group on Julian of Norwich** "Introduction"

Thursday, April 11 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor  
**Moms' Group:** coffee and conversation with kids or without

Sunday, April 14 10:00 a.m. Union Chapel and online  
**Worship Service on the Third Sunday of Easter**

Wednesday, April 17 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online  
**Book Group on Julian of Norwich** "Chapter 1"

Thursday, April 18 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor  
**Moms' Group:** coffee and conversation with kids or without

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*"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."*



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