

The Lord’s Day

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 28, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

First Peter 1:3-4

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord’s name be praised!**

*Hymn: *Christ Is Alive!* #246

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
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Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon: from the Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ ... unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

People: **God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*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

Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

Leader: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

People: **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

Leader: The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

People: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

People: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: **The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 1:4-8**

Anthem: *Lift High the Cross* arr. Craig Courtney

*Hymn: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* #250

Scripture Reading: **John 20:19-23**

Sermon: **And Now What?** Jim Ainsworth

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* #826

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Go to the World!* #295

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Ushers: Terri Moehring Michael Maurer
Sue Johnson Amy Maurer

Shepherd: Lynnae Perdue

Liturgist: Sue Atkins

Reader: Norm Markworth

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 28

5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, April 29

9:00 am Prayer Group
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, April 30

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild
5:15 pm Handbell practice

Wednesday, May 1

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 2

8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth

CHOIR STUDENT RECITALS

On Monday, April 29 at 7:30 pm, Emily Rhoades will have her Senior Recital in the Recital Hall at SFA. On Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 pm, Nathan Ponder will have his Senior Recital in the Recital Hall.

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THE SESSION

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

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Second Sunday of Easter

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ~ John 20:19-23