

April 24, 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting

Hymn - NCH 51 - "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" - This hymn inspired by today's reading from Acts recounts the life of Jesus by referencing Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Calvary and closes with "For Christ who died on Calvary is risen from the grave. God's sovereign Child, who reconciled, is mighty now to save."

Call to Worship

Liturgist: God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes praise our God!

Congregation: This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Liturgist: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love. Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

Congregation: We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.

Liturgist: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

Congregation: We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.

Hymn - NCH 300 - Connected to today's epistle lesson, "Jesus Shall Reign" is set to the familiar tune "Duke Street."

Confession of Sin

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or at least irrelevant. By our inattention, we have rejected you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles – Acts 5:27-32 - Peter and the other apostles defend themselves before the council.

Reception of New Member – Carmen Lombard

Hymn of Praise - YouTube video featuring "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" performed by Kaoma Chende. Yes, Kaoma is doing all four musical parts himself.

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson – Revelation 1:4-8 - John begins his Revelation, including his vision of Jesus' "coming with the clouds".

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - NCH 406 - "Now with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense" is inspired by today's Gospel and speaks of the faith both we and the Disciples need to see Jesus.

Gospel Lesson – John 20:19-31 - Jesus appears to ten of the disciples on Easter evening; a week later he appears again and converses with Thomas.

Sermon

Hymn - NCH 249 - "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends" says "To share God's love is why I came, to show God's kindness without the end. Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again."

Benediction

Postlude

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