

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Beethoven Pastoral Sonata Movement 2

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

APRIL MISSION MOMENT: Operation We Care and CRICKET Center

INTROIT: “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.

All: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” *(See Insert)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin – first in prayer together, then one-on-one with God.

Let us pray:

All: You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have an advocate with God: Jesus Christ, the righteous one who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: We believe it! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

(Take a moment to turn to those gathered and offer a sign of Christ’s peace.)

YOUTH MESSAGE: Seeing Is Believing

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

SONG OF PRAISE: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” *(See Insert)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us ask the Spirit’s guidance in understanding God’s word for us today:

All: God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “No Distazo About It”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*HYMN: “I Come with Joy” *(See Insert)*

*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.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Leader: Pour out your blessing, O Lord; **All: send us your Spirit of peace.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY / Prayer Over the Gifts

*CLOSING HYMN: “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing (Shout to the North)” *(See Insert)*

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: **Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Beethoven Pastoral Sonata Movement 1

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	11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary; Greeter is Deacon Carol Rose
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For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand Christ stands,
And brings us light from Heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be,
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

That Easter Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see His hands, His side,
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;
The tokens true which made it plain
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield,
Your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
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SONG OF PRAISE: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join us to say: Alleluia!
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2ND HYMN: I COME WITH JOY

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
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I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
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As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
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The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known:
alive among us here,
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CLOSING HYMN: MEN OF FAITH, RISE UP AND SING

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

(Chorus) Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love **(Chorus)**

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again

Of our God who reigns on high

By His grace again we'll fly **(Chorus)**

We've been through fire, we've been through rain

We've been refined by the power of His name

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