



“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

- Acts 2:32

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: You do not give me up to the place of the dead
or leave your faithful one alone in the pit.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

People: You show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy.

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Charles Dickerson

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Holy God, you are always present to sustain us, yet we sometimes forget you are near. You give us the gift of peace and yet we manage to get stuck in turmoil. You abound in love and steadfast faithfulness, yet our struggle with fear remains. Thank you for your compassion toward our difficulties. Thank you for all the ways you work to strengthen, encourage, and guide us. Thank you for extending to us the opportunity to share in the ministry of Jesus.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Suellen Fung

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Charles Dickerson

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Jonathan Chute
THE WORD FOR CHILDREN April Herron
ANTHEM *“Keep on the Sunny Side”* 3rd service ensemble
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Jonathan Chute

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES Althea Waites

*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.**

Charles Dickerson

SCRIPTURE

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Peter speaks about the resurrection of Jesus Suellen Fung

SERMON

“Raised Up”

April Herron

*HYMN

“He Lives”

Charles Dickerson

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.**

***(Refrain)* He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.**

**He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!**

**The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *(Refrain)***

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

“Farther Along”

3rd service ensemble

We are grateful for the musical contributions of the 3rd service ensemble this week!
This wonderful group leads music for our Sunday evening service each week at 5:30.

While we are keeping safe in this time of social distancing they were able to record the two pieces in this week’s service remotely. Paula Kuno, Michael Starr, Teresa James, Zach Provost, Cory Tramontelli and Jack Sollecito are the regular members. They are joined by Mary Beth Kedzior, on spoons, for *“Keep on the Sunny Side.”*

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
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Althea Waites, Organist
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