



THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.

The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our faith.

HYMN* *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

245

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON, #251, *chorus*

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 4:32-35

Traci McCoy

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“O Sons and Daughters”

Adult Choir and Handchimes Choir

GOSPEL* - John 20:19-31

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

“Showing Our Scars”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master

who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With all creation we sing your praise, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, 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.

...we declare the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE,* 243 (*sing Twice*) *Congregation and Choir*

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
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FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Everyone is invited!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."