

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 12, 2026

10:00 am

**indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.*

Bold indicates congregational response.

Liturgist for today is Lisa Garcia.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary went to the tomb.

We come this morning from our own darknesses, still standing at the threshold.

We have not seen him.

And yet we love him.

We do not yet see him clearly.

And yet we believe.

We are still on the way.

and yet we are here -- gathered, waiting, hoping.

This is the church at the threshold.

This is where Christ meets us.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN - "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal god, you know how we present ourselves is not who we are. You know the doors we have locked against you, the certainties we have borrowed without cost, the faith we have worn yet not grown into. Forgive us for the grace we take for granted, for the doubt we have hidden, for the Lazaruses we have not seen. We pray: guide us, lord, in our unbelief; walk with us along the road. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Friends: Hear the good news. Christ does not wait for the doors to open from the inside. Christ does not wait for our doubts to resolve, our grief to lift, our certainty to arrive. The same Lord who came to Mary in the garden, who stood among the frightened disciples, who returned for Thomas --- comes to us. Not after we have arrived, but here, at the threshold, where we are.

Thanks be to god. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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NEW TESTAMENT – 1 Peter 1:3-9 The Inclusive Bible

OFFERING OF MUSIC *"African Canticle"* Adult Choir
Soloist: Clark Gaylord

GOSPEL - John 20:1-2, 11-31

The Inclusive Bible

SERMON

Clark Gaylord

"Still in the Room: Christ Meets Us at the Threshold"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

My Lord and my God.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

You show me the path to Life;
your presence fills me with joy,
And by your side I find enduring pleasure.

We have not seen him.
And yet we love him.

We do not yet see him clearly.
And yet we believe.

HYMN

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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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.

HYMN *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* (St. Peter) 318

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

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