

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

*Sing Praise to God
All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

*Smith
Mason*


Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Dennis Lesher

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

 **Invocation** *(Responsively)*

Dennis Lesher

Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ,
who has redeemed us from sin and death.
**We, whom he has redeemed,
will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;**
because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.
**Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law
by becoming a curse for us.**
Let us praise him by saying:
**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!**
**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen.**



Mighty to Save

*Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations*

Chorus
Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Dennis Leshar

When we see God's beautiful holiness,
we recognize our own lack of holiness.
God is light and truth,
yet we live among shadows and lies.
People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are;
let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace
and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Dennis Leshar

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you
and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.
For the times we have hurt the members of our families
by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
For the times we refused to forgive others.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Leshner

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us
in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our
abundance.

Offering

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus
Flute / Piano duet*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Hymn 275

How Firm a Foundation

Special Music

Chuck Stauffer

Proclaiming ***God speaks to us through His Word***

Children's Sermon

Shine Like New

Dennis Leshner

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-59

⁴⁹ "I came to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already set ablaze! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how it consumes me until it is finished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I came here to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided: three against two, and two against three.

⁵³ **They will be divided, father against son,
son against father,
mother against daughter,
daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law,
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."**

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, right away you say, 'A storm is coming,' and so it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind is blowing, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why don't you know how to interpret this present time?

⁵⁷ "Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ As you are going with your adversary to the ruler, make an effort to settle with him on the way. Then he won't drag you before the judge, the judge hand you over to the bailiff, and the bailiff throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny."

Sermon

"Fire on the Earth"
Rev. Paul Toms

Responding
We respond to God's Word

! Profession of Faith (Philippians 2)

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

Prayers of the people

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

! Hymn 234 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

! Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Doreen Newby, Don Titus*

! Postlude *Carry His Love With you* *Mason*