



Second Sunday in Easter

April 23, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Lord

Prelude | His Eye Is on the Sparrow *by* Charles H. Gabriel

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship**

This is the good news — the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news — the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news — once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Hear the good news — Christ is our peace, and we now draw near to God in worship.

Hallelujah!

***Gathering Hymn** | Crown Him with Many Crowns *red hymnal, #223*

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

*Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Silence for personal confession

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all in Christ will be made alive. **Amen.**

*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***Congregational Response** | How Great Thou Art *red hymnal, #553*

The Word of the Lord

New Testament Lesson | Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Bible, pg. 885*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm | Psalm 16 *Bible, pg. 430*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response | How Great Thou Art *red hymnal, #553*

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministries

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the Congregational Hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | I Know that My Redeemer Lives *red hymnal, #193* stanzas 1-4, 7

Gospel Lesson | John 20:19-31 *Bible, pg. 883*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Living Witness *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | He Is Exalted by Twila Paris

*Offertory Response | Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

A 28:16 Story | Gatwech Miak

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" -Genesis 28:16

Prayers of the People + 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 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.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | All Hail the Power of Jesus Name *red hymnal, #601*

*Charge + Blessing

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner by the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *Pastors*

Dick Watson Trio

Dick Watson, *piano*

Gary Palmer, *bass*

Craig Wood, *drums*

Kristen DeGrazia, Assistant Director of Music

Allison Bernard, *worship leader*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments between services; this is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

Families with children and infants are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

Infant and toddler care (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. You may also drop your card off at the Welcome Center. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Memorize 1 Peter 1:3, a great affirmation of our new creation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- ◇ List my five central Christian beliefs/affirmations and then consider the reasons I hold them.
- ◇ Share with a member of my household reasons why I believe in, love, or rejoice in Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Peter 1:3-9).
- ◇ Pray each day for 5-10 minutes using Psalm 16 as my guide.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door. You may indicate that you would like your prayer shared with the congregation during worship, or only shared with the Pastors and Prayer Ministry. Need more? A Stephen Minister is a trained member that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support during times of need, grief, and crisis. If you know someone who might need a friend during a life transition, please contact one of the pastors or the Stephen Ministry referrals coordinators Graham Dameron (319/337.9270 | graham3076@gmail.com) or Mary Beth Ross (319/338.0082 | jawoodsunrise@gmail.com).

The **flowers** are given by Schmidt family for our many blessings and the joy of our children and grandchildren. We honor Amy Schmidt-Rundell for her April 20 birthday and in celebration of Rich and Mary's 62nd wedding anniversary on April 24.

When you are planning your summer schedule, be sure to include **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and leaders are invited to join us from 9 am to 11:30 am, June 12 through the 16 at the church. Registration forms for participants and volunteers are now available on the credenza outside the church office. Registration fee is \$10 by May 31, or \$25 after May 31.

Today between services we will be holding a forum for discussion of the **SAPC Marriage Policy & Inclusion Statement**. All are welcome to attend.

This afternoon, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm we will be having an event to present the **Recipe Book** we have been developing as part of our **Next Chapter** visioning process.

