

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24, 2022**

**Gathering**  
***God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**

*Happy the Soul Who Dwells on God*  
*There Is a Fountain*

*Blake  
Davidson*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Jim Fox*

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!**

Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

 **Invocation**

*Jim Fox*

We give you thanks, great God,  
for the hope we have in Jesus,  
who died but is risen and rules over all.  
We praise you for his presence with us.  
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,  
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come  
can separate us from your great love  
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 225**

*Worship Christ, the Risen King*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Jim Fox*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.  
**Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Jim Fox*

When you were dead in trespasses,  
God made you alive together with him,  
when he forgave us all our trespasses,  
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.  
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.  
He disarmed the rulers and authorities  
and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*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**

*I'll Never Let Go of Your Hand*  
*Chuck Stauffer*

*by Don Francisco*

 **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.*

 **Hymn**

*Lord, I Need You*

*Maher*

*Verse 1*

*Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart*

*Chorus 1*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

*Verse 2*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Bridge*

*So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

*Chorus 2*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

O Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things, we thank you for all your mercies, and for your loving care over all your creatures. We bless you for the gift of life, for your protection round about us, for your guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of your love within us. In all these things, O heavenly God, make us wise for a right use of your benefits, that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Children's Sermon**

*Who is the Greatest?*

*Val Petrie*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 8:5-13*

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading with him, <sup>6</sup>“Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible agony.”

<sup>7</sup>He said to him, “Am I to come and heal him?”

<sup>8</sup>“Lord,” the centurion replied, “I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”

<sup>10</sup>Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you that many will come from east and west to share the banquet with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup>But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus told the centurion, “Go. As you have believed, let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that very moment.

**Sermon**

*“Humble Faith”*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***

 **Hymn 461**

*He Leadeth Me*

 **Profession of Faith** (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into Hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;**

He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand  
Of God, the Father almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

## Prayers of the People

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***

### Hymn

*Jesus, Firm Foundation*

*How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

#### *Verse 2*

*Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed  
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength  
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand  
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand*

#### *Chorus*

*How firm our foundation  
How sure our salvation  
And we will not be shaken  
Jesus firm foundation*

#### *Verse 3*

*The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord  
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm  
And though even hell should endeavor to shake  
He'll never no never no never forsake  
He'll never no never no never forsake*

#### *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

*Age to age He stands faithful to the end  
All may fade away but  
He will remain He will remain*

#### *Chorus*

### **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Carolyn Thompson & Don Titus*

### **Postlude**

*I Will Extol Thee*

*Scott*