

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 8, 2018

The Second Sunday of Eastertide

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. R. Lau

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arr. S. Andrews

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 133:1-3)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is—

People: When kindred live together in unity!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon,

People: Which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: For there, the LORD ordained His blessing,

People: There, our God has ordained life forevermore.

Leader: When kindred live together in unity—

People: How very good and pleasant it is!

HYMN #104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God: You are powerful both to restore and renew. We acknowledge that we have ignored Your righteousness and denied Your grace. We ask that You break the hold of sin in our lives. We have faith that You will do in us what we cannot do for ourselves. Nourish our faltering spirits, equip us to do Your work in our world, and renew a right spirit within us that we may live a life that is pleasing in Your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Heavenly Sunshine

The Sunshine Singers and Bell Ringers

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

Jesus, Prince and Savior

Shackley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 John 1:1-2:2

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Children of Sin—Children of God”

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

French Carol

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SEALING OF GOD’S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Elements

BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN INSERT

He Lives!

ACKLEY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

In the Grave They Laid Him

arr. S. Andrews

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today’s Lay Reader is John Florell.