Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 16, 2023

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may, by your Spirit, be drawn near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor:	Christ bein	g raised	l from	the dead	l will	never	die again;
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Death no longer has dominion over him! **People:**

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

But the life he lives, he lives to God.

So consider yourselves dead to sin,

But alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead,

The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,

By a man has come also the resurrection of the dead! For as in Adam all die,

So also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia! Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Selection 273

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: We are called together to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

The LORD be with you!		
And also with you!	Ruth 2:4	
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my delivered	,	
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge!	Ps. 18:2	
For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.		
When the Christ who is our life appears,	Col.	
we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!	3:3-4	
Let us pray together:		

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will: and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD CLEANSES US

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, And to God, the Lord, belong deliverances Ps 68:19-20 from death.

[†]PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We are not worthy to be called your children; and thus we turn to you again. Have mercy on us, and bring us back to vourself as those who were once dead but now have life through **Jesus Christ our Lord.** +Silent Prayer of Confession+ Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

"God raised [Jesus] on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead...To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:40-41. 43

Pastor: Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

All praise be Thine, O Risen Lord, from death to endless life restored: Christ is risen! Alleluia! To Father, Son, and Spirit be all power and praise eternally! Christ is risen! O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

FIRST READING Exodus 14:26-15:3

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING	Job 42:10-17
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	
†GOSPEL READING	ohn 20:11-18

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ! **†HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"	, 	Selection 170

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith..... The Nicene Creed I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

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Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

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REACHING OF GOD'S WORD	
God's Judgment Brings A New World" Pastor Josh Andersor	1
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AYERS OF THE CHURCH	
In peace, we pray to you, Lord GodFor all people in their daily life and work;	
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.	
For this community, the nation, and the world;	
For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.	
For the just and proper use of your creation;	
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.	
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;	
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.	
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;	
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.	
For the special needs and concerns of this congregationHear us, Lord;	
For your mercy is great.	
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life	
We will exalt you, O God our King;	
And praise your Name forever and ever.	
We give you thanks for all those who have died in Christ and whose souls are	;
now in your presence as their bodies wait for the resurrection	
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;	
Who put their trust in you.	
All these prayers, and even the desires of our hearts that are known only by your	•
Holy Spirit, we offer to you, our Heavenly Father;	

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

n Hymn <i>Lives, a</i>	N nd So Shall I" Selection 706
at Than	ksgiving
stor:	The Lord be with you!
ople:	And also with you!
	Lift up your hearts.
	We lift them up to the Lord!
	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
	It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

- Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
- All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

[‡]Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!" Selection 286

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand

Genesis 8:1-9:7

[1] But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. [2] The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, [3] and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, [4] and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. [5] And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

[6] At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made [7] and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. [8] Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. [9] But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. [10] He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. [11] And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. [12] Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

[13] In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. [14] In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. [15] Then God said to Noah, [16] "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. [17] Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." [18] So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. [19] Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

[20] Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. [21] And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. [22] While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

[1] And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. [2] The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. [3] Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. [4] But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. [5] And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

[6] "Whoever sheds the blood of man,

by man shall his blood be shed,

for God made man in his own image.

[7] And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."



Second Sunday in Easter

April 16, 2023