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Second Sunday in Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude and Lighting the Altar Candles

Psalter

Psalm 150

1 Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. 2 Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. 3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, 4 praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, 5 praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

P: You are my children. Shine!

L: In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

P: You are my children. Grow!

L: In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

P: You are my children. Stand with strength!

L: In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

P: You are my children. Trust!

L: In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us and with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

P: You are my children. Live!

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

Passing the Peace

*Welcoming Hymn *"We Are God's People"* TFWS #2220 (1&3)

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, and posted on her Rev-o-lution blog, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

Prayers for Healing

*Nathan Woody; Bob Burns; Ashley; Xavier; Christy; Magaline Shelton;
Eddie Leindecker; Frances Powell; Glenn White;*

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, We offer our prayers on behalf of those we have mentioned. Heal, comfort, and protect your children. Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #155 (vs 1,2,3,4,6)

*Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

(NIV)

Solo

“None Like You”

Children’s Sermon & The Lord’s Prayer

Sermon

“Three Locked Doors”

Prayer

Offering & Response

- What is one thing you heard today that stands out?
- What part of this brings hope for you?
- What part of this is challenging for you?
- What are you being asked to trust God with today?

Doxology

#94

Closing Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

#389 *(vs 1 and refrain)*

Announcements

Tuesday, April 29, 10am - Spiritual Support - BHL Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 4, 12:30pm - Fellowship Potluck - BHL Fellowship Hall

Birthdays

Monday, April 28 - Happy Birthday Debbie Erickson!

Benediction

Postlude