

**PRELUDE, GATHERING,
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - 557**

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CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 1 *dwh*

God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.
**If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**
*If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
**We have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous.**

HYMN *To God Be the Glory*
Great Things He Hath Done! **98**

PRAYER John 20:19, 22 *FotW*

Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Acts 4:32–35
John 20:19–31

PRAYER by Chris Currie (altered slightly) *PO*

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life,
open us to the wisdom of the scriptures today
and enlighten us with your truth.
Liberate us from all that distracts us
and turns us from your path.
Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **420**

SERMON

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE *FotW*

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

{silent prayers}

1 John 2:1–2 *FotW*
*We have an advocate with God
Jesus Christ, the righteous one—
who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.
This is the good news of the gospel:*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* **304**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - extra space for notes on insert

INTERCESSIONS

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

John 20:19–22

FotW

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise
for light and life and love, and —above all—
the presence of the living Lord among us.
By your Spirit who breathes within us,
strengthen our faith, use our gifts,
and work in our lives to bear witness
to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Close to Thee

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PRAYER & SENDING

by Chris Currie

P.O.

*Jesus says: 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'
The work of church is not over; it has just begun.
Go with joy where the crucified and risen Christ is sending you.
And as you go, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
go with you, now and forevermore.*

Amen

POSTLUDE

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April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary
Year B – Second Sunday of Easter; April 7, 2024*

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Scriptures

Acts 4:32–35

1 John 1:1–2:2

Psalms 133

John 20:19–31

Questions for Reflection:

It all happened on Sunday. It was on “the first day of the week” (John 20:19)—the same day Jesus rose from the dead (John 20:1)—when the risen Lord appeared to a group of disciples in a locked house and offered them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then, one week later (John 20:26), Jesus came again to the disciples (still shut inside the house), this time allowing Thomas to see and touch his hands and side. Think about the place where you gather for worship on Sunday. Is it open to the surprising presence of Christ and the liberating gifts of the Spirit? (If not, does the Spirit still move? Does Jesus show up anyway?) Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper? Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed?

Morning Prayers:

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day.
By the power of your Spirit enable me to live in your light
and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of this day.
Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace
so that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. Amen.

Announcements & Notes

*ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,
please let us know.*

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Prayer Concern Notes

***What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do during 2024?***