



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022

Thoughts of Preparation

Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart.
Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes. – *Carl Jung*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“We Gather Together” (Arr. By John Innes)
Dobin Park - Piano, Michael Sullivan - Organ

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

God is alive!

New birth is given.

Hope is alive...

A new age is dawning.

Joy is alive...

Redemption is here.

Love is alive

Death cannot keep us.

We are alive...

New life is within us.

The church is alive...

God’s spirit is within us.

God of life, we worship You.

God of creation, we praise You.

God of revelation, we learn from you.

God of resurrection, we come to celebrate You!

*Unison Prayer of Adoration

O Gracious God, whose love and care for us extends far beyond our human understanding, whose presence in our midst is greater than our fears and doubts, we come offering ourselves to you – our weaknesses and our strengths, our faith and our fears. O Living Christ, as the good news of Easter energized your first disciples to

establish dynamic Christian communities, so energize us to dynamic life within our congregation. As your Spirit gave them courage to stand tall before the powers of this world, so empower us to proclaim your gospel and struggle for justice and peace. By your presence with us now, make us one in love and mission. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**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. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Gathering Together in Prayer

Prayer Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory Invitation

God is at work in the world, renewing, remaking, resurrecting, bringing hope through the faith, the gifts, and the work of the church. We trust in God, and together we work for peace and justice through God's Spirit as we offer our tithes and gifts. Let us rejoice in our God-given opportunity to share in God's work.

Offertory *"An Easter Celebration"* (Craig Courtney)

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle is done; Now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

Scripture Lesson – John 20:19-31

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Sermon "What You CANNOT Do" "Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

Hymn #312

"Christ Is Alive!"
(see last page)

(Truro)

***Benediction**

Go from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard. Share God's love with those you meet. Bring hope to those who are in despair. Live lives of gratitude and praise. And may the love of God, the peace of Jesus Christ, and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit be within you and among you until we meet again. Amen.

Response

Postlude

"Hornpipe in D"

(John Dixon)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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Worship Notes

- Call to Worship: adapted from Life in Liturgy, Easter 2C (WV-PA Disciples) (lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2019/04/24/easter-2c-2/)
- Invocation: Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck, ed., (Pilgrim Press, 1981).
- Offertory Dedication: Vanderbilt University "Revised Common Lectionary" website for Easter 2C (<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=134>).
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Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.