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Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Revealed for Faith

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using both the black & the red hymnals.

GATHERING . . .

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAR WORD TESTIMONIAL Braden Bicher

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *My Redeemer* by Ritter

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are your people: Spirit of grace you dare to make us Christ to our neighbors of every culture and place.

P: **Joined in community, treasured and fed, may we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.**

ALL: **Rich in diversity, help us to live closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 371** (UM Hymnal, see insert) *I Stand Amazed*

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God you surpass all of our understanding. We fail to see you by faith alone. We seek affirmations of your presence, and we want to know for sure that you are real. Forgive us for the times that we do not live in faith. Forgive us for the times that we would have our relationship with you on our own terms. Forgive us when we fail to live in the full power of the resurrection. Empower us with faith and help us to see you when we struggle with our faith. Reveal your presence to us in all times and in all places, that we might live more fully in your resurrected presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 493 (red hymnal)

Gloria Patri

ALL SING: 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.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED . . .

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE John 20: 19-31

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 254 (black hymnal)

These Things Did Thomas Count

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR**

Open Our Eyes, Lord

by Cull & Schrader

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hosanna Praise is Rising

by Brown & Baloché

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above you heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES . . .

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 403 (black hymnal)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*BENEDICTION²

L: Glad of tradition, help us to see in all life's changing, where Christ is leading, where our best efforts should be.

P: Give as we venture, justice and care, peaceful, insisting, risking, resisting, wisdom to know when and where.

ALL: Spirit unite us, make us by grace, willing and ready, Christ's living body, loving the whole human race.

POSTLUDE

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

by Bradbury

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in honor of our children and grandchildren by Don & Diane Strine.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Scott Gyenes, Bill & Bonnie Murphy & Tim Snyder for arranging and working at the hospitality table on Easter Sunday.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in memory of our mother, Elsie Snyder by the family.

Thank you to our Worship Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to our Eastertide Worship Planning Team for planning worship today. The Eastertide team is made up of: Pastor Jeff, Debbie Butcher, Ivy & Norman Leach and Guy Wenck.

8:00 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8:00 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Hayden & Holt Dallam

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Welcoming Team: Jen, Scott & Sydney Cooper, Scott Gyenes

¹ The Call to Worship was adapted from hymn no. 309, *We Are Your People*, in The New Century Hymnal.

² The Benediction was adapted from hymn no. 309, *We Are Your People*, in the New Century Hymnal.

371 I Stand Amazed in the Presence

1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of
 2. For me it was in the gar - den he
 3. In pit - y an - gels be - held him, and
 4. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he
 5. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his

Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der
 prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no
 came from the world of light to com - fort
 made them his ver - y own; he bore the
 face I at last shall see, 'twill be my

how he could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
 tears for his own griefs, but sweat - drops of blood for mine.
 him in the sor - rows he bore for my soul that night.
 'bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
 joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.

Refrain

How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - full And my song shall ev - er be:
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - full

How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - full 'is my Sav - ior's love for me!
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - full

With spirit

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

These Things Did Thomas Count

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1984

John 20:19-31

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex - pect - ed
live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers read like
ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw, im - print - ed palms reached

stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

The author cites his "reading of twentieth-century theology and its coming to terms with the limits of the enlightenment and rational cognition" as the foundational thought for this text.

Tune: DISTRESS L.M.
The Sacred Harp, 1844
Arr. Jonathan McNair, 1993

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.

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Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav-ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

right-teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

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What Questions to ask and where to find answers.

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adults/parents.

Opportunities to make the most of life ~ life-long
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parenting, honoring the gifts of older adults in the
church.

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what it is not.

Sat. April 23, 2016

9 am - 11:30 am

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