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Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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 pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Up From the Grave

by Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER¹

L: God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

P: Let the world stretch forth and grasp God's hands with joy.

L: God's open hands are as the gate of righteousness.

P: Let us enter in to God's abundant life and give thanks.

L: In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.

P: Let us be thankful and sing unto our God with gladness.

L: Let us pray. O Risen Christ, be with us this day. We recognize your wounded hands; they tell us that you know what it is to struggle and suffer, and to prevail in the power of love.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: We grasp those hands, that they may lead us together into a deeper place of peace.

L: Our week has left worries, answerless questions, blatant injustices, and unexpected disappointments and some of us are weary.

P: Come, O Risen Christ and receive our burdens as we empty our cares into your loving hands.

L: Extend to us your joy.

P: Give us imagination enough to pursue your abundant life!

L: Pour into us the freshness of your new life; for you are our strength and our might. How wonderful you are for your loving-kindness toward us.

P: Amen! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 238** (black hymnal)

Now the Green Blade Rises

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord. We want proof that someone loves us; we want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right. It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope. But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died. Even the news of the Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life. Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, "Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!" Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean. Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your blessed Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 233 (black hymnal, v. 3)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ALL SING: Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia! God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

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

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Ryland Lee Billet
Joseph Oliver Grimm*

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 325** (black hymnal)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

John 20:19-31

HYMN NO. 241 (black hymnal)

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

JOYS & 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.

(8 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM**

Resurrection People

by Choplin/Johnson

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise*

by Caswall

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 448 (black hymnal, v. 4)

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

ALL SING: Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 249** (black hymnal)

Peace I Leave With You, My Friends

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alleluia

by Mozart

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of flowers is presented in honor of my parents, Jill & Stan Miller, on their 30th wedding anniversary, by Benjamin Miller.

One vase of flowers is presented in honor of Jill & Stan Miller's 30th wedding anniversary by Bill McCahan.

One vase of flowers is presented in honor of my husband, Jim Beyer, on his birthday by Brenda Beyer. Happy Birthday Jim!

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service today.

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.

8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: Don & Diane Strine, Mary Jane Snyder, & Natalie Behrends

8 AM Sound Tech: Dave Beyer

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barb Stebbins, Lana Fritz, Jim & Sue Shiffer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff

WOW Kids: David & Brigitte Bradnick

¹**The Loving Hands of God: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter** was written by the Rev. Vivian M. Lucas, Director, Franklinton Center at Bricks: United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries.

²<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3715/worship-connection-april-28-2019>

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Now the Green Blade Rises

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John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.

Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.
French noel, 15th century
Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Unison

Suf-fer to re-deem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Sav-ior come to set us free, Al-le-lu-ia!
 That the Sov-ereign glo-rious lives, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Ho-ly Trin-i-ty be praised, Al-le-lu-ia!

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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*Latin, c. 5th century.**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**Luke 24:36-37*

1 Joy dawning again on Easter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come take our
 3 O Sovereign One, with us abide in this our

out with bright array; For when the Apostles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy-ful Easter-tide; From every weapon

hid in fear, the Risen Christ to them appeared.
 all our days the willing tribute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield.

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain
D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send. Continued next
that lone - li - ness is at an end. page.....

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain
Ray Repp, 1967
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
 And with this love you will be free,
 Re-joice, my friends, al-though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un-til I come a - gain.
 un-til I come a - gain.
 for I will come a - gain.