April 11, 2021
2\textsuperscript{nd} Sunday of Easter

Our Mission: To embody God’s love for all by living an active faith in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God’s Presence in Our Lives

May the God we sing to, pray to, and speak to throughout the day bless you and keep you safe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Christ Is Arisen

by Kenneth Jennings

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In your resurrection, O Christ
All: Let earth and heaven rejoice.
L: That we may know you as the risen Savior
All: Hear us risen Christ.
L: That in you the downtrodden may find hope
All: Hear us risen Christ.
L: That in you, darkened lives may find light
All: Hear us risen Christ.
L: That in you we may rejoice in life eternal
All: Hear us risen Christ.

HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (verses 3-4) NCH 243

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of those in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us.

We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.
WORDS OF ASSURANCE
What has come into being in Jesus Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. We rejoice in the coming of the light and of our forgiveness made known in Jesus Christ.

PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CHORAL AMEN
Amen
by Tom Birchwood

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC
The Strife Is O’ver by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Adapted William Henry Monk, arr. John Ferguson

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.
As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

HYMN

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

SERMON

Choosing your favorite Bible verses

HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises verses 1,4

BENEDICTION

PRAYER

Almighty God, who in Your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth: through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY

Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Alan McNamara
Organist: Travis Erikson
Singers: Grace Klonoski, Ashley Kelly, Brian Kowalski
Liturgist: Ginny Omerod
Video: Lisa Gorchels
Audio: To Spielman
Sexton: Tom Spielman

Call to Worship - David Adams, The Rhythm of Life: Celtic Daily Prayer

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.

Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

1 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
2 Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
3 Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
4 Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
Glorious life, and life immortal on this holy Easter morn;
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of your face;
Alleluia to the Savior who came death’s bonds to destroy;

Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world’s salvation bled;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God’s liberating deed;
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;

But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead!
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.
And by angel hands be gathered, and be yours eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.
I Want Jesus to Go with Me

African-American spiritual; alt.

1 I want Jesus to go with me;
2 In my trials, O comfort me;
3 When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;

I want Jesus to go with me;
In my trials, O comfort me;
When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;

All along my pilgrim journey,
When my heart is almost breaking,
When my head is bowed in sorrow,

O I want Jesus to go with me.
O I want Jesus to comfort me.
O I want Jesus to stay with me.
Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain;
Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
Think-ing that their Love would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

3 Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Christ’s warm touch can call us back to life again:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

John M. C. Crow, 1928; alt.