

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER
April 11, 2021

PRELUDE *F. Schubert: Piano Sonata in C Minor, 2nd Movement* Nenad Ivovic

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise God for today is the day He has made.

People: God brings healing and newness, hope and joy.

Leader: God lifts up the weary; his grace is beyond measure.

All: How great is our God, let us sing praises to God's name!

OPENING HYMN #363 Red Hymnal

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*A mighty fortress is our god, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name. From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for god hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sideth.
Let good and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.
Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Anya Powers

Please share your prayers through the Zoom Group Chat found at the bottom of your Zoom screen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN #217 Red Hymnal

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss, in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love, in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
Amen.*

THE MORNING'S BIBLE STORY

Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

REFLECTIONS ON THE SCRIPTURE

Rev. Anya Powers

MUSICAL RESPONSE

L. van Beethoven: Violin Sonata No.5, 2nd movement

Nenad Ivovic, piano

Inkyung Alison Oh, violin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Gracious God, we thank you for the joy of this Easter Season, for the promise of newness and healing. We humbly ask your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not always lived your message of love and compassion. Guide us as we enter this season of hope, that we may find rest and peace in the promise of new life and share such good news with all the world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #8 Red Hymnal

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.*

Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hymn*

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