

2nd Sunday of Easter
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Seasonal Color: White

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please take a moment to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.
And, with the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls
for this special time with God and with one another.)*

PRELUDE: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Errin Schwarz

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

*Call to Worship:

Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!
**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of
Aaron's robes.**
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.
Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**Infinite wisdom, you bring the dawn of each new day. We praise your
name for sending Christ with the promise of new life. You scatter the
clouds of darkness so that our eyes can behold the truth of your love.
You replace the finality of death with an affirmation of life without
ending. You burst upon our being with each ray of sunlight, bringing
light to illumine our world with the presence of your redeeming grace.
As we stand on the threshold of your magnificence be pleased with our
worship as we utter your name. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" GTG #268

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*Litany of Affirmation and Assurance:

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our
eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to you.
God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.
The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.
God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.
If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie
and do not live according to the truth.
God of light, in whom there is no darkness, we praise you.
If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
**Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also
for the sins of the whole world.**

*Congregational Response: "Alleluia" GTG #586

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out
upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you
in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the
things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

First Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 pg. 696

Anthem: "This Joyful Eastertide" Charles Wood

Time for Young Disciples Laura Sparks

Second Scripture: John 20:19-31 pg. 115

Sermon: "Living In the Power of The Resurrection" David Roquemore

*Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" GTG #630

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and
in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Thine Is The Glory" G.F. Handel, arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG # 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE ARE SEALED IN GOD'S GRACE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING...

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise!

*(The prayer continues, ending with "who forever sing to the glory of your
name." Congregation joins in singing the Sanctus, GTG # 559)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The prayer continues until "Great is the mystery of Faith." Congregation
joins in singing: 'Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen' GTG # 560)*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... and 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.**

(After the Lord's Prayer, congregation join in singing 'Amen' GTG # 561)

Amen, amen, amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please come forward to receive the communion elements. An Elder will
give you a piece of bread. Take a cup from the tray (red cups contain wine
and clear cups contain juice).*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: The Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been
fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have
prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the
nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN: "The Strife Is O'er" GTG #236

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "The Strife Is O'er"

TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

*Please stand in body or spirit
Bold print words are read in unison.

Lay Leader this morning is Ray Rhinehart.

Elder on Call this week is Jim Ten Kate.

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS – THERE ARE NO STRANGERS WITHIN THIS SANCTUARY: If you would like more information about the church and our programs, please stop by the visitor’s table in the narthex.

1. You are in God’s House. We want you to feel God’s presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won’t you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children's Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children’s Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

THE PEACE CANDLE: The smaller, glass candle on the Communion table is a *peace candle*, and here is the candle’s story and meaning.

In 1986, a group of Americans attended a Russian Orthodox worship service. At the close of the service, an elderly woman pressed a three-ruble note into the hand of a Presbyterian pastor (only about \$5 in American dollars, but a significant gift for this elderly woman). The woman asked him to buy a *candle* with it, and light that candle in his church as a symbol for *peace*. That Presbyterian pastor purchased a *candle* with the money, placed it on the Communion table in his sanctuary, and lit it during each worship service. Then the church bought other candles, in glass containers, and sent them to other churches with the request that they be lit during their worship services, as a symbol of our common hope for *peace*.

These *peace candles* have since spread across our world and across denominations. Our congregation received our *peace candle* on Sunday, November 16th, 2014. And, we have shared a *candle* with our sister church of El Redentor in Guatemala. Together with sisters and brothers in Guatemala and around the world, we light our candles every time we worship to remind us to pray for peace in our lives, in our communities, and in our world.

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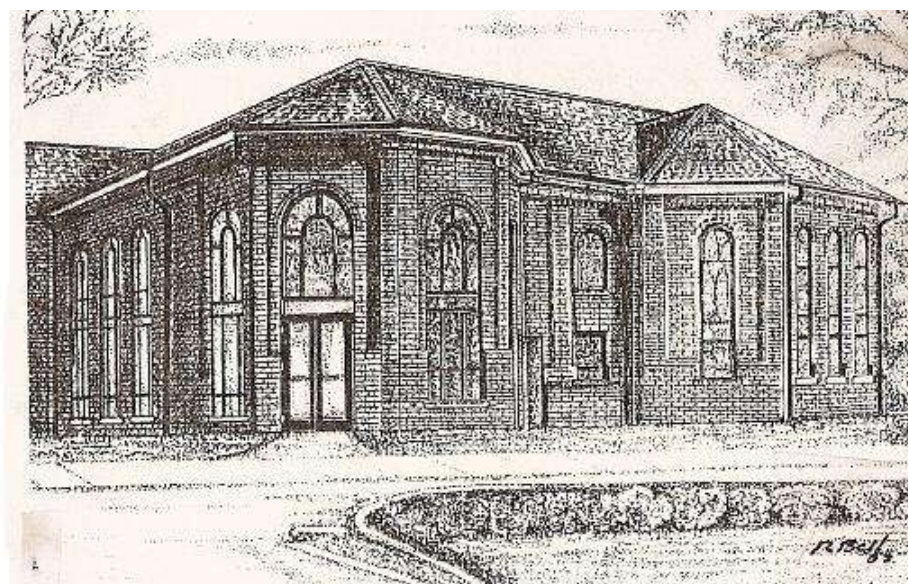
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