



**THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Central Presbyterian Church

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April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“The Strife is O’er”

Gaul

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Lord, have mercy; for faith, patience, strength, and joy that born again to a living hope, we may trust our heavenly Father and proclaim the praises of His risen Son, let us pray to the Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 133:1-3

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

P: It is like precious oil on the head,

L: running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

P: running down over the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon,

P: which falls on the mountains of Zion.

L: For there the Lord ordained His blessing, life for evermore.

*Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection!”

PH #118

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

Special Music *“Because He Lives”* Coleen Janssen

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading 1 John 1:1—2:2

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon *“Not By Sight”* Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – From Romans 8

“We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.

*Hymn *“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”* RED #164

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper (Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory

“Resurrexit”

Wilson

***Doxology**

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn**

“The Strife is O’er”

PH #119

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

“Christ Hath Burst His Prison!”

Martin

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Rhonda Plaeger

Liturgist:

Rebecca Rowe

Communion Steward:

Marilyn Montgomery

Choir Director:

Rich Ford

Pianist:

Julia Territo

Organist:

Emma Lou Denton

****Please stand, if able***

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