

Morning Worship, Sunday, 4/19/20

2nd Sunday of Easter

Words to ponder: “All the doubt in the world cannot wash away our inheritance from God – an inheritance of love, refuge, and strength.”

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Scriptures for 3rd Sunday after Easter: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Welcome

Pastor Ed

Announcements

Call to Worship: *(responsively)*

Sue Simmons

Sue: Come into God’s presence with joy.

People: In God, we have an inheritance that is imperishable.

Sue: Come into God’s presence with hope.

People: In Christ, we have an inheritance that cannot be defiled.

Sue: Come into God’s presence with longing.

People: In the Spirit, we have an inheritance that never fades.

Sue: Come into God’s presence with love.

People: In God, we have an inheritance that brings new life.

Opening Prayer: *(Unison)* God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ. Clear our vision, Holy One, that we may see the promise of Easter in the stirrings of this precious earth and in the life energy flowing through our bodies. Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the risen Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Order My Steps”

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament

Psalm 16

Sue Simmons

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Sue Simmons

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

“The Sunday AFTER Easter”

Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession: *(Unison)* Merciful God, you come offering us peace, but we hold onto our fears; you come offering us faith, but we cling to our doubts; you come offering us a future filled with promise, but we retreat to pleasant memories of the past. We want to believe that you offer us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We want to see ourselves as you see us. We want to live as you would have us live. We want to believe that life is stronger than the death we see all around us. Help our unbelief, O God, that we may truly know and live your gift of resurrection. Amen.

Silent Meditation & Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Response: “Lord, hear our prayers”.

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts *(Please mail in your offerings)*

***Offering Prayer (Unison)** O God, our refuge and our strength, we rejoice that you are our chosen portion; you are our cup that overflows to eternal life. As we celebrate your Easter miracle of bringing life out of death, we express our gratitude and joy for the new life budding within us and around us. Bless the gifts of our time, our talents and our tithes we offer you this day, that they may bring hope and new life to a world that clings even now to the illusion of death's victory over the Lord of Life. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor Ed



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