

Charge and Benediction: Go into the world, embracing both the certainty of Christ's love and the questions that deepen your faith. **We will go, seeking understanding and sharing the love we have received.** Extend the same boundless welcome and grace that Christ offered to all. **We will welcome others, just as we have been welcomed.** May the peace of Christ, the love of God, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit be with you. Go in peace!! **Amen. May we carry that peace with us.**

Postlude: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won"  
-Palestrina, arr. Joseph Prentiss

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### Happening This Week

-Wednesday, April 30: Bible Study, 10am

### In Your Prayers

-Don Taylor, Ron Beebe, Suzanne Parkhurst,  
Barb Zimmerman and Family, The Riemer Family.  
-Unity, tolerance and peace in our community.  
-Peace in the Middle East, in our country and our world.

### Save the Date

-Sunday, May 11: There will be no coffee hour on Mother's Day  
-Saturday, May 17: The Bazaar is back!  
Please bring all your treasures to church!  
-Sunday, May 18: Pastor Jesse's Installation Service, 3pm  
-Wednesday, May 28: Aktion Club Service, 7pm

Please be Aware! Do not respond to emails or texts from Pastor Jesse asking for money! He would never solicit funds from anyone! Please check the source and do not respond.

Thank you!

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Mike Boldt, Liturgist  
Betty Pitcher, Organist



April 27th, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter

A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join us for refreshments after the service!

# Order of Worship

## Chimes, Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Voluntary and Air” - Henry Purcell

Responsive Call to Worship: As we gather on this joyous Sunday after Easter, let us center ourselves and reflect on the gifts we have been given through God's grace. I invite you to join me in taking three deep breaths together: Let us take our first deep breath, acknowledging God's unwavering faith in our capacity to love one another as Christ loved us. **SLOW Deep Breath** Let us take our second deep breath, filled with hope that the Holy Spirit will illuminate our paths and guide us as true followers of Christ each day. **SLOW Deep Breath** And let us take our third deep breath, in gratitude for the boundless love of Christ, who died to make us new and whole in his glorious resurrection. **SLOW Deep Breath** Let us now worship the Lord, **our risen Savior!**

Hymn: “Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing” - Hymnal, n.108

Unison Prayer of the Day: **Gracious God, on this Sunday following the glorious resurrection, we stand in awe of your transformative power. You have conquered death and offered us new life in Christ Jesus. Grant us the courage to live boldly in the light of the resurrection, embracing the hope and new beginnings you offer. May the joy of Easter continue to resonate within us, empowering us to be agents of your love and peace in a world longing for renewal. Amen.**

Passing the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you – **and also with you.**

Song of Praise: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is Alive)”

Sharing our Praises and Concerns & The Lord's Prayer:

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving – **hear our prayer**

## Children's Message

*Children may leave for Sunday School*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 150

Special Music: "Resurrection Praise" - Mike & Polly Boldt

New Testament Reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: We're Built for This!!

Hymn: “We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight”-Hymnal, n.399

Responsive Call to Offering: As Christ welcomed the doubter and showed boundless love, let us offer our gifts to extend that same welcome and love to all. We offer these gifts with grateful hearts, trusting they will help our church be a place of welcome and love for everyone, reflecting Christ's example.

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings: “This Joyful Eastertide”  
-Dutch Mel., arr. Paul Bouman

Doxology: Hymnal, n. 592

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Loving God, we thank You that Your church is a place where questions are welcome and doubt, like Thomas's, can lead to deeper faith and understanding. Empower us to create a community that embraces every seeker with the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, a love made evident through His sacrifice for our redemption and His glorious resurrection, which we are called to share with all. Amen.**

Hymn: “Lift High the Cross” - Hymnal, n. 371

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