



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
servicing Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

Tuba Tune in D Major
Meditation No. 2

C. S. Lang
Eric Thiman

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said,

All: "Follow me."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Forgive seventy times seven."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Feed my sheep."

One: In response, we say:

All: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."

One: Let us worship God with all our hearts

*Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

No. 245

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

(Please check first with those you approach)

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Jennifer Miller

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination

Rob Sheneman

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 133 (page 501)

Anthem

Blessing and Honor

Gordon Young

Blessing and honor and glory and power, wisdom and riches and strength evermore, offer to him who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne! Let all the heavens resound with his name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame. Ocean and mountain, stream, forest and flower, echo his praises and tell of his power. Give we the glory and praise the Lamb! Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm; sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain, dying in weakness and rising to reign! Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 21:1–19 (page 883)

Sermon

"Peter the broken, Peter the healer"

Rev. Chris Small

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who shows up in our lives — surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways. We believe in a God who cares for God's people — a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended. We believe in a God who took on flesh — a God whose love changed the world as we know it. We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat, calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community. And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Interlude in G Major

Alexandre Guilmant

*Doxology

No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People 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.

*Hymn

Jesus Call Us

No. 720

*Charge and Benediction

Response

Peace Be Yours

Austin A'hearn

Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through, blessing and mercy and wholeness too. May God's peace be yours.

Postlude

The Strife is O'er

Edward Broughton

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