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Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE: Janet Anderson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*written by Pastor Andreas Wagner and posted on **Modern Liturgist**.*

Thomas said:

**“Unless I see the mark of the nails
and put my hand in his side,
I will not believe.”**

We are often skeptical people,
driven by our senses,
relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

**Our Lord asks us to see the invisible,
to trust in the spirit, to have faith.
Lord, give us faith!**

Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions,
by wishful thinking
and by popular trends that pull us in.

**Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs,
but also careful as Thomas was.
Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things
and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, Lover of your children: the tomb has been opened,
and we dance into your future.

Your life has dawned on us, and we surround you with our
praise. You reach out your hand, and lead us into joy.

Jesus Christ, Faithful Witness: you pick open the locked doors of
our hearts and come in to be with us forever. You breathe peace
into our souls, so we may bring healing to a troubled world.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Peace: you show us our hearts, so we may
give love to others. You show us our hands, sending us to serve

the needy. You show us your hope, so we may live in your joy. God in Community, Holy in One, who is, who was, and who is to come, hear us as we pray as you have taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*written by Rev. Mindi and posted on **Rev-o-lution**, based on Gospel Reading*

**Creator God,
we confess that at times we are skeptics.
At times we doubt that You exist
because of the evil we have seen in the world.
Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague
our world,
and it is hard to see Your love and light.
Sometimes, even those who bear Your name
do not walk in Your ways.**

**Help us to see Your goodness in this world.
Help us to know Your love.
Fill us with Your love and goodness,
so that we might love one another,
and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

The psalmist says,
*"I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!"*

Know that you do not wait alone.
God has given us one another for this journey of faith,
to help one another.
Know that you do not wait alone;
Christ is with us.
Be encouraged, and encourage one another.
Go and share the Good News. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*
vs 1 & 4



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS. European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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 Music: SIFA/NTL, Mary Hartgen, b. 1950
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WE BELIEVE

*posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home Page.***

<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C60sun31.htm>

Faith demands choice.

By the grace of Christ, we can choose.

**We choose to believe
 that light is better than darkness,
 sharing is better than hoarding,
 truth is better than deceit,
 mercy is better than revenge,
 love is better than indifference,
 God is stronger than chaos.**

We choose to have faith in the God who is love
 and choice will verify itself
 on the long and narrow road of life.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering in our prayers:

Paul (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Art** (Williamson), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Mark** (Hill), **Terry** (Foster), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka), **Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Norb** (Lenius), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Marlene** (Zeller), **Carl** (Scholz), **the family & friends of Ray** (Vlaming).

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Body of Christ Given for you
The Blood of Christ Shed for you

Please consume your elements

SENDING SONG: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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BLESSING

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Go forth in joy.
You have God's kingdom in your heart.

Go forth in love.
Live for the Lord.

Go with hope and forgiveness.
The grace of God sustains.

Go forth in peace.
Go forth in light.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Janet Anderson

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