

MORNING WORSHIP

April 28, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Second Sunday of Easter

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

The Strife is O'er

arr. Wilbur Held

INTROIT

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

O FILII ET FILIAE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."
This is the day which the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*UNISON PRAYER

O God, who makes the stars, and turns the shadow of death into the morning: On this day we meet to render You, our Lord and King, the tribute of our praise; for the new life of the springtime, for the everlasting hopes that rise within the human heart, and for the Gospel which brought life and immortality to light. Receive our thanksgiving, reveal Your presence, and send into our hearts the Spirit of the risen Christ. Amen.

+*HYMN 118

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

adapted from Karl Barth

O Lord, our God! You know who we are – with good consciences and with bad; content and discontent; certain and uncertain; Christians by conviction and Christians by convention; those who believe, those who half-believe, those who disbelieve. And You know from whence we have come – from the circle of relatives, acquaintances, and friends, or from the greatest loneliness; from lives of prosperity or from manifold confusion and distress; yet alike in that we are all in the wrong with You and with one another, that we all must one day die. We all would be lost without Your grace, which is promised in Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+*Hymn 108 (Verse 5)

"Christ is Alive!"

TRURO

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR SADIE JEAN SMITH

Matt Baskerville, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Sadie Jean Smith is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Sadie to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Daniel and Andi as they nurture Sadie and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Sadie into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.

*HYMN

I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to Children's Worship.

They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:24-30, pew Bible, p. 989

SERMON

"After Easter"

Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"You Raise Me Up"

arr. Joseph Martin

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

adapted from Kenneth Phifer

O God, help me to feel the touch of resurrection within, to hear the voices of angels and the wild whispers of faith, that because Christ lives I shall live also. I shall live with a new shining upon the dark places of hurt and heartache. I shall live with a new vision of what it means to see daily existence glimmering in the light of an eternal purpose. I shall live, not cringing in fear and abject in sorrow, but renewed in hope and assurance. Thanks be to You, O God, through the Risen Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 119

“The Strife Is O’er”

VICTORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

arr. Paul Manz

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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