

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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March 30, 2008 – 10:15 am

Second Sunday of Easter

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude "Beneath the Cross" Thygerson
(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship Responsively
Leader: Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
L: Come, bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
L: Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
L: Come, let us worship God.
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" Red hymnal, 304

Unison Prayer

Come to us, God. Open our locked doors and hearts. Take away our fears, and make us new. Lead us, with all our questions and wonderings, into the exciting mysteries of discipleship. We long to be your Easter people, to live and proclaim new life with all of our being. Amen.

Visit with the Children

(Sing "Where Children Belong," 2233 in the Black Hymnal, as the children come forward and as they return to their places.)

Praying

Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**")

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively) Black hymnal, 2278

***Passing the Peace**

Listening

Scripture Song "Without Seeing You" Black hymnal, 2206

The Christian Gospel John 20:19-31 Pew Bible, 115

Anthem "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Piano & Organ Duet
Gordon & Converse/Arr. by Janet Linker

The Sermon "Faithful Doubt" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Alleluia"
"Alleluia" (8 times) Red hymnal, 186

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

"Those first Jesus-followers believed that in the resurrection the world had been turned upside down. Because of Jesus they could now joyfully and compassionately share everything they owned with one another and with the world. And their giving challenged the world, dared it to be a place where all are welcomed and cared for. May our giving also be a challenge, a bold announcement that previous claims of ownership and rights have given way to responsibilities to share everything we have with the whole world. Let the offering be given and received in that spirit."

—Word & Witness

Offertory "Redemption Song" Gounod

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" +UMH, No. 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

Like the early church, we bring our gifts and share them amongst us, that pooled together, our wealth might help to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ to others and bring new life and new hope to a hurting world. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"We Walk By Faith"

Black hymnal, 2196

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"Allelulia"
"Alleluia" (8 times)

Red hymnal, 186

***Postlude**

"Festive Praise"

Blake

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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