

Bulletin Information  
**April 24, 2022**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!  
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!  
Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**All: Praise God with the harp and cello!**

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**All: Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

\*Morning Prayer

\*Hymn

*Christ Is Alive!*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace...**

*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*

**...Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

\*Congregational Response

*Glory Be to the Father*

PH #579

**We Listen for God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Acts

Acts 5:27-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 150

One: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;  
praise God in the mighty firmament.

**All: Praise God for mighty acts;  
praise God for exceeding greatness.**

One: Praise God with trumpet sound;  
praise God with lyre and harp.

**All: Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
praise God with strings and pipe.**

One: Praise God with resounding cymbals;  
Praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

**All: Let everything that has breath praise our Lord. Halleluiah.**

One: Great and glorious God, unite our praise with the praise of all creation: singing your mighty acts with every breath, playing music to your name with all our instruments, joining the dance of the stars and planets with our whole bodies; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High – Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Touch and See*

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn

*Thine Is the Glory*

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

\*Congregational Response

*Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith

Though no person can look on God, we have seen the glory;  
We believe.

In the face of an infant; In the big questions that one Youth put to Jerusalem Teachers;  
In healing the deaf, the blind, the lame and the leper; In the telling of parables that cracked open  
closed minds; We believe.

In the honor of children and the respect for outcaste women; In the righteous anger that cleansed  
the temple but sealed a Man's fate; In the anguish of Gethsemane and the sweating of blood; In a  
Prisoner dragged before courts under the cover of night; In the words of forgiveness spoken to  
the executioners; We believe.

In the awful cry of desolation uttered from the cross; In the broken, dead body anointed by  
grieving women; In the early hours of a Sunday outside an empty tomb; In the greeting of peace  
granted to disciples in hiding; In the promise to be with us to the end of time; We have seen the  
bright glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ; With joy and thanksgiving, We believe.

**We Leave to Serve God**

*Hymn	<i>That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright</i>	PH-121
*Charge and Benediction		
*Congregational Response	<i>Song of Hope</i>	PH-432
Postlude		

Sermon Text for next Sunday: John 21:1-19