

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

Dai Morgan

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The love and light of God flow through our lives, bringing us joy and hope. With thanksgiving in our hearts, let us offer our gifts to God, the source of all our blessings.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

'This joyful Eastertide'

Charles Wood

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Abundant God, we are grateful for all your blessings, especially for the presence of the risen Christ. Bless these gifts that they may help bring your love and light into our community and our world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, may the love of God, the peace of the risen Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts, now and always. Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Living for Jesus'

TFWS No. 2149

*POSTLUDE

'Psalm 19'

Benedetto Marcello

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter



Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE

'Trumpet Tune'

C. S. Lang

GATHERING WORDS

The risen Christ comes to us and says, "Peace be with you." May we lay down the worries of our lives to welcome the peace of Christ.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Easter People, Raise Your Voices'

No. 304

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

INTROIT

'Christ Is Risen'

No. 307 VS. 1 & 3

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

May we prepare our hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

GENERAL CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don't feel like singing. Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring. Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith. Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors because we are so focused on ourselves. Forgive us. Draw us back to you and to one another. Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, Jesus promises: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." Receive the hope and promise of this good news, for forgiveness is ours when we forgive one another. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'Amazing Grace'

No. 378 V. 1

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Receive the Holy Spirit and share the love of the risen Christ with one another.

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears our minds, and our hearts.

People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE

'Thy Word'

No. 601 (Refrain only)

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4: 32-35

Pastor: This is the Word of Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

'Alleluia'

No. 186

"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 20: 19-31

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70