

2nd Sunday in Lent

April 12, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude – Solo

Michayla Bacon

Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

Leader: Humanity's sin could not condemn him.

People: He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is risen!

Leader: Death could not contain him.

People: He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is risen!

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*Opening Hymn #327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Centering Prayer

God of festivals, we've celebrated Easter day and our memories remind us that Christ lives! Thank you for raising Jesus to new life and for the promise that we, too, shall be brought from our tombs. We open our minds to your enlivening presence.

Children's Message

Psalter Reading

Psalms 133

Hymnal, Page 850

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God." Response #1

People: "Thanks be to God."

*Hymn of Preparation #322

Up from the Grave He Arose

Sermon

"I Mind! I Mind!"

Rev. Bates

Text: John 20:19-31 (NLT)

*Hymn #2206

Without Seeing You

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Offering & Offertory

Ich folge dir gleichfalls

Bach

Michayla Bacon, flute; Pam Dyke, continuo; Melissa Chavez, soprano
I follow You likewise with happy steps and do not leave You, my Life, my Light.

Pursue your journey, and don't stop, continue to draw me on, to push me, to urge me.

*Doxology #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous and gracious Savior, we offer our gifts and our lives in response to the extravagant gift of your redeeming love. With joy and thanks we make this offering, grateful for the privilege of taking part in your salvation story. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #308

Thine Be the Glory

*Affirmation & Commissioning

We believe in God,

Who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness;

Who rolls away each stone of doubt;

Who surprises us with incredible gifts of family and friends, silence and laughter;

Who raises us from sadness and despair to the possibilities of blessing and joy.

We believe in Jesus,

Friend of the poor and searcher for the lost,

Who comes to us in our grief and longing, calls us by name and sends us on the paths of peace to speak of an awesome love that is not overcome by death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

The hidden partner, the gentle messenger of God,

Who fills our every breath with blessing;

Who guides us in the dark, beckons us to do good, speaks to us in dream and image, and watches over us with tender compassion.

We believe in the church,

An instrument of God in this present moment, striving for justice, celebrating in joy, clawing at despair, living in hope, praying for healing and forever proclaiming Good News of God's persistent and redeeming love.

*Benediction

*Postlude

A Fancy

Hurford

**For those who are able, please stand*

***Faith We Sing Hymnal Books are available in the window sills. Please help yourself if you would like to use one. Words to all hymns are projected on the screen.*