

Liturgy of the Word for the Second of Easter

April 11, 2021

9:30 am

Zion UCC, Lowden

BOLD PRINT = congregation

**Indicates those who are able, please stand*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US!

RINGING OF THE BELL

OUR FAITH IN ACTION – ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Blessed Holy Presence

by Livingston

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ our Savior is risen from the dead!

Alleluia! Break forth into joy - sing together!

God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.

We who once suffered in death, who once cried in despair - now we know victory over death!

Now we know joy over despair - God has raised Christ from the grave.

ALL: The tomb is empty and death is defeated for all the earth!

*HYMN

He Lives!

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, Power of Life, we find it hard to believe the witness of the resurrection. We praise you that you have not abandoned us to the living death of sin and despair, but that with Jesus Christ, you have lifted us up from the grave – with laughter, joy, and hope. By your Spirit, help us to live the power of the resurrection, now and in the world to come; for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1-2

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

Hear the Good News - in Christ Jesus we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

And also with you!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

(please greet one another with these or similar words)

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Children are excused to go to Christian Education classes.

Thank you to our Worship Leaders

Acolytes	Owen Kahl, Cadence Horman
Organist	Joy Combs
Liturgist	Jody Yutesler
Videographer	Aaron Horman
Power Point	Carter Horman
Ushers	Karen Bentrrott, Deb Axline, , Linda Behrens
Council Ushers	Jon Mansfield& Diane Esbaum
Ministers	All believers
Pastor	Rev. Susan Schneider-Adams

Songs and Scriptures for the Second Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn

He Lives!

Words & Music: Alfred H. Ackley

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever some may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
and, just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
 He lives, He lives salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives?
 He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. [Refrain]

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]

HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;
3 O Je - sus, strong in gen - tle - ness,
4 Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

the sun shone out with fair - er light,
his wound - ed hands and feet he showed;
come now your - self, our hearts pos - sess,
in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

when, to scars their long - ing eyes re - stored,
those that we may sol - emn wit - ness gave
your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.
that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
from ev - ery weap - on death can wield.

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MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th c.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);
harm. George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

PUER NOBIS
L.M.

*HYMN

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

by Ray Repp

Refrain Peace I leave with you, my friends:
Shalom my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
I give to you, so you can give to others, too.

To share God's love is why I came, To show God's kindness without end
Go now my friends and do the same, Until I come again. [Refrain]

Take my hand and be at peace, The spirit of our love I send;
And with this love you will be free, Until I come again. [Refrain]

With this love now all will know, That loneliness is at an end,
Rejoice my friends, although I go For I will come again. [Refrain]

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Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has a vocal line starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass line starts with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3, then a half note D3. The second system has a vocal line starting with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, B4, and A4, then a half note G4. The bass line starts with a quarter note D3, followed by quarter notes C3, B2, and A2, then a half note G2. The third system has a vocal line starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass line starts with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3, then a half note D3. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and dynamic markings.

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain
Ray Repp, 1967
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
And with this love you will be free,
Re-joyce, my friends, al - though I go,

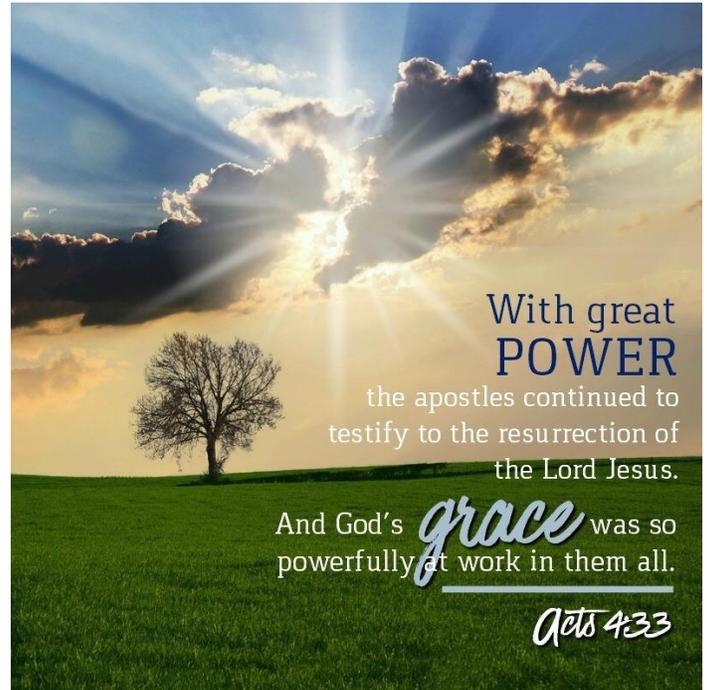
F#m G A7 to Refrain

un-til I come a - gain.
un-til I come a - gain.
for I will come a - gain.

ACTS OF THE CHURCH **Acts 4:32 – 35**

New International Version

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.



SECOND READING

1 John 1:1 – 1 John 2:2

New International Reader's Version

Here is what we announce to everyone about the Word of life. The Word was already here from the beginning. We have heard him. We have seen him with our eyes. We have looked at him. Our hands have touched him. This life has appeared. We have seen him. We are witnesses about him. And we announce to you this same eternal life. He was already with the Father. He has appeared to us. We announce to you what we have seen and heard. We do it so you can share life together with us. And we share life with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this to make our joy complete.

Here is the message we have heard from him and announce to you. God is light. There is no darkness in him at all. Suppose we say that we share life with God but still walk in the darkness. Then we are lying. We are not living out the truth. But suppose we walk in the light, just as he is in the light. Then we share life with one another. And the blood of Jesus, his Son, makes us pure from all sin.

Suppose we claim we are without sin. Then we are fooling ourselves. The truth is not in us. But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar. His word is not in us.

My dear children, I'm writing this to you so that you will not sin. But suppose someone does sin. Then we have a friend who speaks to the Father for us. He is Jesus Christ, the Blameless One. He gave his life to pay for our sins. But he not only paid for our sins. He also paid for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

NIV

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.