

Order of Worship
April 08, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

*Introit: "Our God Is an Awesome God"

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: (responsively) (Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

*Hymn: "Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing" # 108

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our sinful hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Help us to see others as equal in value with ourselves so that with reverent and humble hearts we may reach out in your love. As we draw near to you admitting our failures and confiding in your grace, may we find peace for our souls and renewed strength for our journey together as your disciples in this place. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: "**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**" # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Easter, Again and Again and Again"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Open My Eyes that I May See" # 324

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. **That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Q. 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

A. **Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

*Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 316

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "**God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again.**"