

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 3, 2016**

**8:30 am**

Contemporary Service of Worship

**\*Praise and Worship**

Christ is Risen  
You, You Are God  
Stronger  
Breathe

**God's Word**

Children's Sermon  
Scripture Pew Bible 1075                      John 20:19-31  
Sermon                      The Last Witness

**Our Response**

Prayers (*please use prayer cards to indicate  
thanksgivings and concerns*)  
The Lord's Prayer

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of earth and sky, your enduring love is like  
a mighty glacier that pushes aside all that stands  
before it. Be patient with us as we strive to  
embrace the promise of our faith. Like Thomas  
before us, we long to believe in the power of your  
resurrection, but so many doubts remain. Faced  
with the ravages of hate, love seems like a candle**

**in the wind. We cleave to the promise of life, but  
death keeps hold of us still. Come to us, in the  
midst of our doubt, that we may see Christ's glory  
and proclaim with Thomas: "My Lord and my  
God!" and taste the fullness of life. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

**Communion and Offering**

*Please place your offering in the plate when you  
come up for communion.*

Song: Jesus Died My Soul to Save

**Dismissal with Blessing**

Jesus Died My Soul to Save – last verse

\*Please stand if you are able

<sup>1</sup>(2015-04-01). The Abingdon Worship Annual 2016 (Kindle Locations  
1526-1536). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

**Sermon Notes / Prayer Request**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SERVICE OF THE WORD  
10:45 AM

APRIL 3, 2016

***Entrance***

Prelude Christ the Lord is Risen Again Steven Scott

Opening Prayer

**Eternal God, who was and is and is to come, you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. In you, O God, we move and have our being. Be the foundation of our strength, as we seek to bring your kingdom here on earth. Be the foundation of our courage, as proclaim your glory for all to hear. We ask this in the name of the one who conquered the grave to bring us eternal life. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

\*Hymn No. 308 Thine Be the Glory

***Proclamation and Response***

Children's Sermon

\*Scripture Pew Bible 1075 John 20:19-31

\*Hymn No. 317 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing verses 1, 6-9

Sermon The Last Witness

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895

Reception of New Members

***Thanksgiving and Communion***

Invitation to the Offering

As witnesses to the transforming power of God in our lives, let us be generous in our giving, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.<sup>1</sup>

Anthem In Joseph's Lovely Garden arr. Frank McConnell  
Traditional Spanish Carol

Doxology Hymnal 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, you are the source of every blessing. In gratitude for bringing peace to our lives, receive these offerings as signs of our commitment to live as your faithful disciples. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

The Great Thanksgiving/Communion Hymnal no.8

***Sending Forth***

\*Hymn No. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\*Benediction

May you be filled with the grace and peace of the God who is and was and is to come, and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, God's faithful witness, who loves us and sets us free.<sup>2</sup>

Postlude Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing David Paxton

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<sup>2</sup>(2012-09-03). Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost (p. 151). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

### **HELPING IN WORSHIP**

8:30 am	Liturgist	Brian Lundin
	Greeter	Katrina Millham
	Usher	Roger Griemsmann
10:45 am	Head Usher	Will Cass
	Ushers	Janet Houston, Joseph Norman Marie Sidgwick
	Acolyte	Isabella Stevens
	Liturgist	Ray Polivka

### **OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY**

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### **REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS**

Mid Hudson Regional Hospital – Ruth Hathaway

Please pray this week for our members: Ruth Arnfield, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Leonard Butler, Catherine Carroll, Frank Cassidy, Joan Cassidy, Sandra DeGuzman, Eric Eichenhofer, Irene Feller, Irene Firner, Bryan Foy, Emily Griess, Nora Hunt, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Chelsea Kolarik, Faith Krzywicki, Jim Little, Joe Michaloski, Marge Michaloski, Yvonne Morrow, Bea Northway, Karla Quinlan, Grace Raunick, George Sherban, Gloria Sherban, Bob Silkworth, Hilary Stamper, Meegan Veeder-Shave.

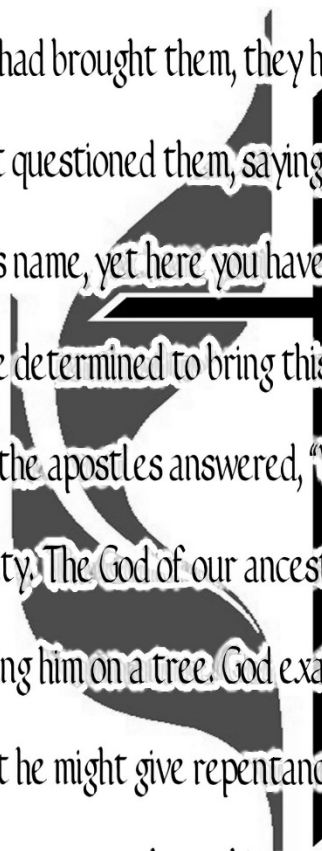
Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Betsy Allen, Richard Allen, David Andujar, Jay Bacchiochi, Donald Brooks, Bill Dale, Jordan Fidler, Inez Fryar, Daniel Granger, Ruth Hathaway, Emereld Hendrickson, Doreen Hochlowski, Jason, Jean Keebler, Erica Kolbrener, Michael McKernan, Kelly O’Conner, Peter, Bill Robertson, Patricia Schmidt, Mike Tackas, Ava Vinson, Jeffery Wendover, Jr.. To renew names on the prayer lists, call the Church Office (452-2933).

Please keep the members of our military, active and/or retired, in your prayers. Joshua Lord

If you have a loved one or friend whose name you would like included, call the church office.

***Please Welcome the following new Members*** joining our congregation this morning: Deborah Bois, Mark Bois, Matthew Bois, David Cho, Sunhee Woo Cho, Pat McCullough.

***There will be one service April 17 at 10 am for Youth Sunday.***



**W**hen they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 5: 27 - 32 NRSV



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