



Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Prelude in D Major"
"The Strife Is O'er"

Jean Francois Dandrieu
Palestrina, arr. Cassler

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "Keep Your Lamps"

Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian Journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 532 "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Peter stood up and said, People of Israel listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

All: But God raised him from the dead; freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to hold on him.

Acts 2:22-24 adapted

Liturgist: In the promise and power of the resurrection, hear us Lord,

All: Bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard hearted; and forgiveness where we have hurt, offended, and missed your call on our lives. Lord, have mercy.

Silent Confession and Lament

Liturgist: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

All: For we are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last times.

1 Peter 1:3-5 adapted

Choir: "Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you,
Be not afraid I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
you are mine; you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,
my love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
you are mine; you are precious in my sight.

BAPTISM OF JESSE JOEL HILLEGONDS

Minister: Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Jesse Joel be baptized?

Parents: We do.

All: With joy we celebrate together the gift of God's grace in Christ!

Minister: In presenting your child for baptism, desiring that Jesse Joel be grafted into Christ as a member of his body do you receive the teachings of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Creeds of the church?

Parent: Yes! We trust in him as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, trusting in his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, with God's help as long as we shall live.

Minister: Will the congregation please stand and with these parents proclaim your faith using the words from the Apostle's Creed.

* **All:** **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COVENANT VOWS
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
BAPTISM
WELCOME

Minister: Some of us will have the privilege of encouraging Jesse Joel often, over the course of many years. Others of us may not be able to do so. Yet we all speak words of promise and welcome, speaking on behalf of Christ's whole church, in time and space, and committing ourselves to live lives of Christian encouragement wherever God calls us.

Brothers and sisters, we now receive Jesse Joel into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love him and to assist him to be Christ's faithful disciple.

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you, Jesse Joel, into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Soloist: "A Mother's Prayer"

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Fixed and Fluid

* **All Singing:** **709 "Jesus Loves Me"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Elim Christian Services

Choir: "All Things New"

Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears
Home after wandering, praise after tears

Alpha and Omega
Beginning and the end
He is making all things new
Springs of living water
Shall wash away each tear
He is making all things new

Sight after mystery, sun after rain
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom
Love after wandering, life after tomb

* **All Singing: 199 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**
Singing verse 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Choir: "Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Organist / Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Adam Post
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Lillian Post
Soloist:	Emily Hillegonds	Prayer:	Emily E. Hillegonds
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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