

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Mark Douyard, Officiate

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
 NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
 SUNDAY SCHOOL is available during the Worship Service, except during summer
 *All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

*PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Trumpet Voluntary in C -John Stanley (1713-1786)
 Lord, continue to make Yourself real to us in the ways You choose. Give us eyes to see You, not just in the unusual and amazing ways You make Yourself known, but also in the small and easily overlooked ways. As we see Your presence in our lives, strengthen our faith. Help us to trust You with all that we are. Amen.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist, Carol Rose

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God’s Word and for God’s glory.

APRIL MISSION: Team Guatemala

INTROIT: *Hail, Thee, Festival Day*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgist, Carol Rose/**People**)

Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one.

It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard – Aaron’s beard – which extended over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing:

Everlasting life! (Psalm 133)

*HYMN: #121 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to the calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. You walk with us in our sorrow, yet we fail to recognize you. You show us that Christ is risen, yet doubts persist in our hearts. Forgive us God of grace. Help us to trust your power, to change our lives and make things new. Open our hearts and minds to understand and believe the good news of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from sin. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. / **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

*SONG OF PRAISE: *“Celtic Alleluia”* (Alleluia 4x)

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Our great and glorious God, grant that we may gain a glimpse of your eternal truth as we hear your holy Word this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible Page 238)

Liturgist Carol Rose

Walk in the light of God; confess your sins and be forgiven.

ANTHEM: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible Page 115)

Reverend Mark Douyard

Jesus shares the Holy Spirit; a week later, he appears to Thomas.

SERMON: *The Importance of Doubting Thomas*

Reverend Mark Douyard

*HYMN: #376 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *“The Apostles’ Creed”* (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: *“Doxology”*

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

Gracious and giving God, thank you for all your blessings. For the ways you provide for us both in body and soul. Please take these gifts we humbly offer and bless them for your use, for they are yours. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #438 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE: *The Rejoicing, from Music for the Royal Fireworks* - George Friederich Handel (1685-1759)

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis