

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Second Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

What we do see depends mainly on what we look for. ... In the same field the farmer will notice the crop, the geologists the fossils, botanists the flowers, artists the colouring, sportmen the cover for the game. Though we may all look at the same things, it does not all follow that we should see them.

~ John Lubbock, *The Beauties of Nature and the Wonders of the World We Live in*

PRELUDE *Adagio* Henry Purcell/Arr. MaeRi Bae

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *What Wondrous Love Is This?* (Anon./Southern Harmony)
Karen Ostertag

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Let us lift our voices in shouts and songs of praise.

All: God has wrought beauty and goodness in the world all around us.

One: We use our senses to experience this world.

All: God gave us so many ways to live this life: to see and smell and taste and touch and hear in this one and precious life.

One: May we not take a single thing for granted, may our senses be opened up.

All: God is with us now and always; let us worship God together!

*HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* GG: 248

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:4-8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, you have created a masterpiece all around us. And yet often we are blind to its staggering beauty, unable to see the worth of its people, shortsighted when it comes to what matters and where to put our time and money and energy. We ask that you open our eyes - our spiritual eyes. That we may see all people as you do, that we might have faith without needing absolute proof, that we might imagine new ways of healing and reconciliation in a world that is in desperate need. Forgive us when we do not have eyes to see.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Regardless of our seeing problems, you have told us that we are precious in *your* sight.

All: You see everything that's within us. We are forgiven and our sight is redeemed. Show us how you see the world.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *In Christ Alone* Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
Karen Ostertag

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* GG: 238

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Opening our Senses: Sight”

Pastor Abbie Huff

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace, My Friends

Ray Repp

POSTLUDE

Marche Royale

J. B. Lully

*All who are able please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

C. Debussy/arr. Fred Bock

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For**

Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

GG: 1

*BENEDICTION