



Witnessing the Unseen

“We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.”

2nd Sunday in Easter

April 24, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING HYMN

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose
mercy endures forever. Amen.*

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we**

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

#367

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life,

you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 118:14-29**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the ¹ Lord acts valiantly! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever. *The word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

#619

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
 he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
 he lives eternally to save;**

he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go Now

Filled with the Holy Spirit
Go now with God, go now with God
Into the world as a servant
Go now with God, go now with God

Chorus:

Go now, go now, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God

Offering a hand to a stranger
Go now with God, go now with God
Trusting in the risen savior
Go now with God, go now with God (*Chorus*)

Waters of mercy have found us

Go now with God, go now with God
Grace on the journey surrounds us
Go now with God, go now with God (*Chorus*)
Crossing every boundary, every nation
Go now with God, go now with God
Dancing in the gift of liberation
Go now with God, go now with God (*Chorus*)

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.

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****Those who are grieving losses of any sort.**

****Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Murray Rolph; David (Friend of Wyone); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Sara (Cousin of Toni Ramsey); Matt (Cousin of Jake Borden); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Helen Murphy (Sister of Mikkey Twitero)**

****Those with on-going concerns, including Roger Spitzer (friend of Dar and Gwen Schroeder); Clay Wahlberg; Peg Tesch; Kimberly Heuer; Lynzee Makowski (Niece of Rebecca Kaiser); Esther Downen; Jason Boll (Son of Linda Boll); Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein)**

****For our military members and their families**

****For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety**

**** For the people of Ukraine and Russia**

****For our leaders at every level**

****For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 24th

8:15am Property Committee Meeting

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live online (FB and YouTube)

Potluck Follows

10:30am Church Council Meeting

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30pm HS Youth Group

Wednesday April 27th

5:30-7:00 Last DOG Night of this season

Sunday, May 1st

Graduation Milestone

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live online (FB and YouTube)

10:30am Worship Committee Meeting

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30pm HS Youth Group

High School Graduation Milestone May 1, 2022 during Worship

Join us in worship as we celebrate this milestone with our high school seniors who have been a part of our community of faith through our education ministry and/or our youth group ministry.

Everyone is invited to add a gift to their totes which will be presented to them on the 1st, along with our prayers and blessings.

*Taylor Neugebauer, Morgan Gross, Wiley Shorb,
Jayden Carrier, Reace Guy, Calli James and Reno Lowe
We are so proud of you all!*