



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
APRIL 23, 2017



Feasting on the WORD

Since the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

(from the Worship Sourcebook)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship Service
12:00 noon	Fellowship Hour
1:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 1270)

***Call to Worship**

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise

***Songs of Praise:** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" (LUYH #526)

"Mighty to Save" (LUYH #611 vs. 1-2)

"Fairest Lord Jesus" (Red #240 vs. 1-4)

***God's Greeting**

***Hymns of Adoration:** "Alleluia, Alleluia" (LUYH #179 vs. 1-4)

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

"Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ."

Friends, this is the good news!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Offering: Benevolence Fund

***Offering Response:** “Have We Any Gift Worth Giving?” (LUYH #872 vs.1)

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 (pg. 1205)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Not in Vain

***Hymn of Response:**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LUYH #832 vs. 1-2 &4)

SENDING

***Doxology** (spoken)

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Amen.

***Benediction**

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Doxology:** “To God Be the Glory” (LUYH #956 vs. 1)

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.