

Order of Worship Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 10am

"Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith." -Paul Tillich

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The disciples were hiding in fear, and Jesus came and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

All: Jesus interrupts us, too, and challenges us to receive God's Spirit.

One: We are Easter people!

All: We follow the risen Christ, and are filled with God's Spirit.

One: Throughout our lives, as we follow Jesus, our faith grows, and we are strengthened

All: and so, we come to worship as Easter people!

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Holy One, in this ongoing Easter season we are constantly amazed at the life you offer not only to us but to all of Creation. Open us to the exciting possibilities that lie before us as Easter people. In the name of the risen Christ we pray...

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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. Amen.

Sung Response

Black Hymnal No. 253, refrain

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Today's prayer is in the form of a guided meditation. While the leader speaks, the people are invited to pray silently, reflecting on their breath.

Let us take a moment in silence and come before our God in confession. Close your eyes, and become aware of your breathing. As you breathe in, invite God's spirit in. As you breathe out, get rid of those things that are bothering you. Breathe the Spirit in. Think of things you have done wrong and send them out with your breath. *(pause for a moment to let people do this a few times)* Now, hold your breath for a moment and think of the times we hold back: when we are afraid to do what God wants. *(pause)* Now release that, and let it go. Breathe the Spirit in; and let go of all that holds you back. Now, take some short, quick breaths, and think of times when you become anxious, worried, scared, when you feel like you have the weight of the world on your shoulders. *(pause)*

Now, take some deep breaths again, and offer all of your worries, all of your fears, all of your shame, all of your hurt, to God. Breathe the Spirit in, and feel God's love surrounding you. *(pause)* God raised Jesus to new life, and God raises us to new life. So, take a deep breath in joy and thanksgiving that God loves us, forgives us, and gives us new life. Amen!

Children's Message

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Special Music O STORE GUD (How Great Thou Art)
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, piano

arr. John Purifoy

Prayers of The People

Scripture

John 20:19-31

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Morning Message

"Show and Tell"

Rev. Douglas Vooy

Words of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude