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CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“And the Song Was of the Morning”
Randy Benfield

Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Banker & Janet Olson
(from Psalm 136)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Who alone does great wonders, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who spread out the earth on the waters, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Who made the great lights, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: It is God who remembered us in our low estate, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: And rescued us from all that threatens us, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive”

No. 246
Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Janet Olson

Leader: God's amazing grace goes before us, after us, through us, often unbeknownst to us, and more often in spite of us. Because of this amazing grace we have confidence to come before God and acknowledge our sin. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bep van der Mik

God of Easter, in the risen Christ you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love You as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Karen Banker

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be an Easter people. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"The Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"You Have Believed"

Then Jesus told him (Then Jesus told him)
Because you have seen Me (Because you have seen Me)
You have believed. You have believed.

Blessed are those who (Blessed are those who)
Who have not seen and (Who have not seen and)
Yet have believed. Yet have believed.

Faith is being sure of what we hope for
And certain of what we do not see
So when I can't see You, You are my hope
When I can't hear You, You are my hope
When I can't feel You, You are my hope
You are my Lord and my God
You are my Lord and my God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When 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.

SERMON

Easter Lockdown

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Farro, Riddle & Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who rules that nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of the Easter season, you come into our midst with resurrection power to free us from the realities that enslave us; that keep us from the fullness of life you desire for all of your children and for the earth itself. Help us to be open to your presence in our lives even if it means facing difficult circumstances that bind us and keep us from living fully. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for your church amid the conflicted times in which we live, that we would serve you faithfully, and be the place where wounds are touched, attended to, released, liberated and redeemed. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the people in every land, that we may seek the common good, and work for justice and peace for all the people and not just the few. For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things. For those whose rights have been abused or rejected, may we stand in solidarity with them and be a witness to justice. And we pray for those whose lives have been torn and traumatized by violence — may we be agents of your love to each of these your children. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of the nations, we pray for elected officials around our globe. Help them resist greed, prideful ambition and partisan gain in order that they may serve the welfare of all — especially refugees and immigrants in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of salvation and healing, we come to you as a people who continue to struggle with overwhelming challenges of the pandemic. We pray for special measures of strength and endurance to weary healthcare workers and to all who are now facilitating vaccination. May your comfort be with all who are sick and all who have lost loved ones. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

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 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.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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