

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

*RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING *(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor.)*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (UMH#157) *Duke Street* Hatton/Burkhardt

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*:

L: We are people of the twenty-first century, far removed from the Upper Room.

P: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE COME TO BELIEVE.

L: We have put away the festive trumpets, the fancy clothes, and the chocolate bunnies of Easter Sunday. But must the message of Easter be put away for another year?

P: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE COME TO BELIEVE.

L: We still seek the One who offers victory over death – whose love conquers evil.

P: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE COME TO BELIEVE.

L: So let us gather to worship the risen Christ, who offers us new life.

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*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#318

Christ Is Alive

*A READING FROM THE PSALMS UMH#862

Psalms 150

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
(Mike Gatch, soloist 8:30am)

Hopson

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
(LUMC Chancel Choir, 11:00am)

Hopson

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Heather Connor

*A LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

John 20:19-29

NRSV

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD

The Plus Side of Doubt

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#257

We Meet You, O Christ

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (as a group):

HOW STRANGELY COMFORTING, LORD, THAT SO MANY OF YOUR SERVANTS HAVE DOUBTED YOU. AND SO, IF WE CANNOT ALWAYS SEE THE SENSE OF YOUR WORD, AND IF WE DO NOT ALWAYS FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT OUR FAITH, AND IF WE WONDER WHERE YOUR LOVE IS IN THE FACE OF PAIN AND DEATH, WE ARE NOT THE FIRST. A GREAT COMPANY OF SAINTS AND MARTYRS HAS FELT THIS WAY BEFORE US. SO LOVING LORD, TEACH US, LIKE THEM, NOT SO MUCH TO FEAR DOUBT, BUT TO SEE IT AS A SIGN OF THE MYSTERY OF LIFE, AND AS A DOORWAY TO FAITH. AMEN.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY (UMH#718)

Helmsley

English Melody

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH#95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#308

Thine Be the Glory

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Piece in Classic Style

G. Young

**Please stand if you are able*