

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Northside Presbyterian Church – April 11, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC: *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* (#267)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT: *“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Though we have known hardship and pain,
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,
we will stand together and proclaim:
God’s steadfast love endures forever!*

*Though life becomes over more complex,
though the deepest questions remain unanswered,
and the mystery of faith deepens, we will proclaim:
God’s steadfast love endures forever!*

*And though the wounds of the world are deep,
and often seem beyond what we can bear or address,
we will stand firm in our faith and proclaim:
God’s steadfast love endures forever!*

*As Easter people, we cannot help but worship.
the One crucified and risen proclaims to all the world:
God’s steadfast love endures forever!*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death. Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord. Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine on any dark areas in our lives. May this worship, which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.

HYMN- *"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" (254)*

**1 That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when,
to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was ris'n again.**

**3 From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace.

Please join me as we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away
forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see,
forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, Sees no further than an empty tomb,
forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!'

Grant us faith to believe, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gives us grace and hope.

Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF Illumination

Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room, and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts, that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel, not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 1:1-2:2 – Ann Marie Conner

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“In the Bulb There is a Flower”* – Simple Gifts

SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:19-31

SERMON – *“Beyond Our Fear”*

HYMN – *“We Walk by Faith” (508, v. 1-3)*

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near.
O Christ, who spoke as none e-erspoke: “My peace be with you here.**
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (#591)*

Refrain: **Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

- 1 O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be out prayer and the song, we sing: hallelujah, hallelujah!**
- 2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they follow me.
I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams: hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Susan Dickerson

Drew Taylor and family

Edd Stoops

Andy and Jean Robeson

Ron Pearson

Susan Miller

Cody Vincil

Doug Rathjen

Kelly Wimmer

Ann Stinson

Paul Angermeier

Wava Bowles

Pat Modisett

Wanda Price

Carlos Cox

J.D. Olinger

All those suffering with

Covid or grieving the

loss of a loved one

Today's musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technician – Marshall Chaney