

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023—8:30am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

““Because He Lives”
arr. by William G. Gaither

+ Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“He Has Been Raised”

Lost and frightened, feeling sadness, someone you loved has gone away. Seeking answers, finding questions. Could it be true what the people say?

Refrain: He has been raised. He is not here. Can you believe your ears? Let go of all your hurts and fears. Jesus is alive!

We are struggling, we are wond'ring, can we walk the streets of faith? We are loved and we're forgiven. Why don't we trust in these arms of grace?

Our mourning and weeping has turned to rejoicing, the stone from His tomb has been rolled away. Life has come from death today now!

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

+ Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

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+ Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven, and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken I am forgiven, the King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me. Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus Yours is the victory, whoa

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “How Great Is Our God”

How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

"The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Unstoppable God”

Heaven thundered, and the world was born
Life begins and ends in the dust You formed
Faith commanded, and the mountains moved
Fear is losing ground to our hope in You

Refrain: Unstoppable God, let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things, in Your name they shall be done

Freedom conquered, all our chains undone
Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome
Mercy triumphed, when the third day dawned
Darkness was denied, when the stone was gone

Nothing shall be impossible
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable
We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus our God unstoppable

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+ Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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