

St. John United Church of Christ

"In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve"

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (C)

Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor

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Music

9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship

9:30 Sunday School for
Children

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Bold italic denotes congregation reads or sings. *Denotes
all who are able, please stand.

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 Minute Update on Organ Donation Awareness Betty Meszaros

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH A SMILE AND WAVE

*RESPONSE | "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" vs. 5 #312

Christ is alive and comes to bring
good news to this and every age; till
earth and sky and ocean ring with
joy, with justice, love, and praise.

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Matthew 28:1-10

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you
are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has
been raised, as he said." Vss. 5-6a

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PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

Al/ Glory, Laud and Honor

Glockenspiel

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER²

With trumpet sounds and singing hearts,

We come to praise the Lord

As faithful witnesses of Christ's grace and love,

We come to praise the Lord

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2Coming here with our doubts and our
faith, We come to praise the Lord!

Let us praise and pray together:

Loving Christ, you welcomed Thomas' questions, even his doubts. Welcome us, too, with your grace and your love. Offer your hand of forgiveness and show us the truth of your presence. Fill us with the power of your love, that your grace, forgiveness, and love may flow freely to others. In gratitude and joy, we pray, Amen.

*HYMN "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #299

*RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING Psalm 150 Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

Praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and

dance; Praise him with strings and
pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

Praise him with loud clashing
cymbals! Let everything that breathes
praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Acts 5:27-32	pg. 115
ANTHEM	Ave Maria David R. Ekstrand	Schubert
GOSPEL LESSON	John 20:19-31	pg. 108
MEDITATION		

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN	"In the Garden"	#300
PASTORAL PRAYER & UNISON LORD'S PRAYER		

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 - 3_ 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.

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY Breathe on Me Breath of God

*RESPONSE3 "Alleluia No. 1" #291 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name! Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION ²

Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts. Bless them with your miraculous power, that they may become mighty gifts of love, justice, and peace—gifts with the power to heal the world In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE I Love to Tell the Story

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We thank Connie Ahlers for serving as liturgist and Rae Ellen Voegler for serving as greeter.

The altar centerpiece is given in memory of the April 30th birthday of Christy Dawson from her family.

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