

April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter

**PREWORSHIP MUSIC**  
**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING**

Mr. Kevin Crone

Acolyte

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: With trumpet sounds and singing hearts,  
**Congregation: we come to praise the Lord.**  
Pastor: As faithful witnesses of Christ's grace and love,  
**Congregation: we come to praise the Lord.**  
Pastor: Coming here with our doubts and our faith,  
**Congregation: we come to praise the Lord.**

**HYMN** *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* **Blue Hymnal, #229**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth; but we esteemed it not and turned away. Let us confess our unfaithfulness and the limits of our trust.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*All people: Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God, forgive us. Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In grace, we are forgiven.  
In love, we are freed.  
In Christ, peace and assurance are ours.  
*All people: Thanks be to God!*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri* **Blue Hymnal, #35**

**JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"**

**HYMN** *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* **Blue Hymnal, #231**

**EPISTLE READING**  
**GOSPEL READING**  
**SERMON**

**Revelation 1:4-8**  
**John 20:19-31**  
**Rev. Laura C. Baker**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS SHARED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: We believe that our God sees us, feels us, and listens to us. Let us lift the celebrations and concerns of our beloved community.

*All people: Dear God, we know that you have heard our prayers, and we ask that the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with us today and every day. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**ANTHEM** *Because He Lives* (Gaither) **Chancel Choir**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: With glad and generous hearts, let us give from what we have received and dedicate all we give with a song and prayer.

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God* **Blue Hymnal, #46**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*All people: 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 powers to heal our world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.*

**HYMN** *Thine is the Glory* **Blue Hymnal, #218**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go forth from this room knowing that our God cannot be held in locked rooms, that blessings and new life and cosmic peace has come for us — and that we are not the only ones. And may God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, those you love and for whom you pray, now and forevermore.

*All people: Amen.*

**CANDLE EXTINGUISHING** **Acolyte**

**POSTLUDE** **Mr. Kevin Crone**