

First Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 19

10:45 service

Prelude

Prelude on "Dennis"
Diane Keller, Organist

Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

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Come, let us with our Lord arise,
our Lord, who made both earth and skies;
who died to save the world he made,
and rose triumphant from the dead;
he rose, the Prince of life and peace,
and stamped the day forever his.

This is the day the Lord has made,
that all may see his love displayed,
may feel his resurrection's power,
and rise again, to fall no more,
in perfect righteousness renewed,
and filled with all the life of God.

Then let us render him his own,
with solemn prayer approach his throne,
with meekness hear the gospel word,
with thanks his dying love record,
our joyful hearts and voices raise,
and fill his courts with songs of praise.

Anthem

Those Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord

Z. Randall Stroope

Call to Worship

Reverend Ann Duncan

Leader: The joy of the Resurrection is with us. Praise the Lord!

All: .Through Christ we have the victory over sin and death.

Leader: Praise the Lord that our sins are forgiven and by his stripes we are healed.

All: Christ has given us a new life, a new birth into a living hope through his resurrection. Praise the Lord. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Children's Moment

Reverend Ann Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Ann Duncan

Offertory Prayer

Reverend Ann Duncan

Lord, we offer to you this day, our lives and a portion of what you have given us. Take our lives and these gifts and put them to work in this world, a world which you have loaned to us, that all may work for healing and reconciliation with you. Amen.

Offertory

Divertissement

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Diane Keller, Organist

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Jesus Christ, you are a prayer-answering God. You traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to restore our economies and achieve peace on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

We ask your healing hand of protection and provision upon those who have no place of shelter. Show us how to provide for them. Wrap your arms around our children who are doing their best to cope and learn and be brave during a frightening time. Be with their parents who are trying to be brave and construct normalcy amidst calamity. You are the God who speaks peace to every storm. Speak to the storms in our lives and they shall obey you.

Jesus Christ, may your healing peace be with us all.

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Message

Peace

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitational

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Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G Major

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

