

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

Welcome to All

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ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

*We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Spending Time Together

**Prelude** Terry Byars

**Words of Grace and Wisdom** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

In the Bible, the early church was described in this way:

*“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.”*

*(Acts 2: 46-47a)*

**Centering Our Hearts as One** Pastor Lane

*We invite you to place your hand on your heart as we lightly tap together in a slow heartbeat rhythm.*

Hear this assurance from God:

*(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

**Be still, O heart, you're not alone,  
your beat is shared with me.  
Come now, and calm, and center here,  
you're mine, secure and free.**

*We invite you to pick up your heart stone, sometimes called a “worry stone,” and as you touch its surface remember that God's touch is within us, between us, and around us.*

*(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

**Into your care, we offer now,  
our worries, fears and strife.  
We turn to you and know you're near—  
Your light, our love and life.**

*We invite you to light a candle  
and set your heart worry stone next to it.*

**Call to Worship**

We know Jesus is present among us... [repeat]  
even in this very home... [repeat]

We will not let fear be louder than love... [repeat]  
but with glad hearts and rejoicing souls... [repeat]  
we will sing God's praise... [repeat]  
for we are Easter People...! [repeat]  
Alleluia! Amen. [repeat]

**Hymn of Praise**

*Christ Is Risen*

**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!**

## Breaking Open the Word

**New Testament Reading** Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Acts 2:24-28

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from Psalm 16**

Psalm 16:5-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Visual Meditation**

*by The Work of the People*

“Death Is Only the Beginning”

**Gospel Reading**

Pastor Lane

John 20:19-29

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*based on Psalm 19:14*

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my  
strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

**The Message**

Pastor Lane

“Feeling Peace in Our Hearts”

## Breaking Open our Hearts and Lives

**Special Music**

*Dona Nobis Pacem  
(Grant Us Peace)*

The Lord's Prayer

Postlude

*Praising God!*

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*Slow Me Down*

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Every gift given is helping St. John's make a difference  
as we live out our mission and vision.  
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Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Practicing Goodwill*

Faith in Action

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Faith

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*  
Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
he is my strength from day to day,  
without him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to him I go,  
no other one can cheer me so;  
when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;  
I go to him for blessings,  
and he gives them o'er and o'er.  
He sends the sunshine and the rain,  
he sends the harvest's golden grain;  
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;  
O how could I this friend deny,  
when he's so true to me?  
Following him I know I'm right,  
he watches o'er me day and night;  
following him by day and night, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;  
I trust him now, I'll trust him when  
life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a friend,  
beautiful life that has no end;  
eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

*Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace*

**Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.  
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts.  
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.  
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

*Today's worship stewards are:  
Carrie Poynot, Terry Byars,  
Bryan Adams, John Toney, Mari Walker,  
and our pastors.*

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