

Service of Worship
April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday after Easter

John 20:31 "These (events) are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Let us sing to the Lord!

Let us bless the Lord's name!

Hymn of Gathering #238 “Thine is the Glory”

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts and give us peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 100

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sermon “*Seeing and Believing*” Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick

Hymn of Response #817 “**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**”

Affirmation of Faith from The Brief Statement of Faith / Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering

Doxology – #606 “**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**”

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Sending #724 “**O Jesus, I Have Promised**” vs. 1,3,4

Benediction