

The Second Sunday of Easter

9 AM Worship + April 11, 2021

Welcome

Prelude *In Christ Alone*

arr. Larry Dalton

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, we believe and we have doubts, we do good and we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

All: We are Easter people!

Leader: We are people of stories. Sometimes complicated stories, sometimes joyous stories, sometimes stories of grief, sometimes stories of happiness, and everything in between. But the Holy Spirit always meets us.

All: We are Easter people!

Leader: God meets us exactly where we are, exactly how we are. God allows us to be a part of God's amazing story.

All: We are Easter people! Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn *Thine is the Glory*

¹ Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son!

Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay

Refrain Thine is the glory,

Risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory,

Thou o'er death hast won.

² Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,

For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

³ No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!

Life is naught without thee, aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above.

Refrain

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Prayer of Confession

God of Easter, in the risen Christ you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be an Easter people. Thanks be to God!

Pass the Peace

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you! Please stay in your seat but pass peace to neighbors by waves and/or air hugs. If you are worshipping with us online, we encourage you to text a friend and pass the peace.

Eastertide Team "Spiritual Storytelling" presented by Victoria Mercer

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Children's Sermon

Song *Mighty to Save*

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion | Love that's never failing | Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness | The kindness of a Saviour | The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains | My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save | Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave | Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me | All my fears and failures | Fill my life again
I give my life to follow | Ev'rything I believe in | Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing | For the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing | For the glory of the risen King

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Scripture Acts 4:32-35 and John 20:19-31 **3**
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Sermon *We've All Got a Story*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

And now as Christ taught us, we are bold 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 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.

Call for Offering

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It's an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayers to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

Today's Offertory Song *King of Kings*

Benediction

Postlude *Mighty to Save*

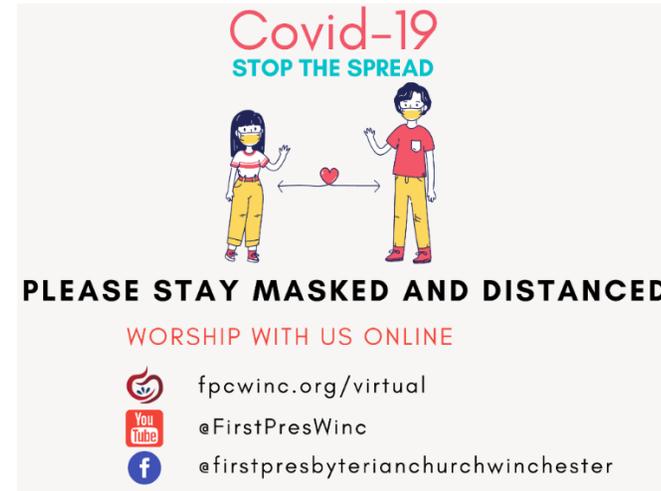
Singers Morgan Myers and The Praise Band

Director of Children's Ministry Todd Bowman

Pianist and Leader of New Stone Gathering Amy Bowman

Worship Leader The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Liturgist The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.



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Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

****note: you must preregister to attend indoor worship at fpcwinc.org/register. Worship services held outside do not require preregistration****

April 18

10 AM Youth Sunday in the parking lot (inclement weather location is in Fellowship Hall, which you would have to preregister to attend)

April 25

9 AM in Fellowship Hall
11 AM in Sanctuary

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