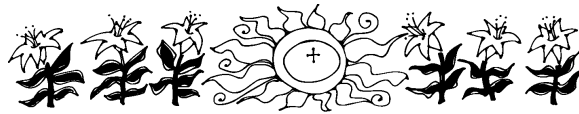


# Faith United Methodist Church

April 11, 2021



Second Sunday Of Easter

## GATHERING

*“From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we’re telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself look shape before us.”*

*1 John 1:1-2*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the resurrection of Jesus our Lord granted peace & forgiveness, sending the disciples out to do the same: Grant that all who have been reborn into Christ's Body show forth in their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

*He Lives*

***He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today***

***He walks with me and talks with me***

***Along life's narrow way***

***He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart***

***You ask me how I know He lives?***

***He lives within my heart***

Prayer of Illumination

Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and **set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:3–2:2

<sup>3</sup>We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is

the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>11</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>12</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 20:18–31

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her. <sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Christ. Amen.**

Children's Time

Special Music

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Witness

*Easter 2*

Musical Response

*I Know My Redeemer Liveth*

Joys & Concerns

Prayer of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, as your children, draw us all closer to you in our daily life and work. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the bread and the wine as your body in the world help us work for justice, freedom, and peace in all that we do. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the light of the world, shine through us as we love and care for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the Good Shepherd, guide & protect all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; comfort the sick, the friendless, and the needy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the Door, so help your Church, all who proclaim the Gospel, our Bishop Scott, our Superintendent Romonica, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, for all who serve you to welcome your people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the Resurrection and the Life, so grant eternal life to those who have died and hope for all who grieve. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In silence we name our own needs and the needs of others... Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For your mercy is great so we gather all these prayers that have been spoken and those written on our hearts to you through the prayer, your son taught to us saying:

**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 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.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

Hymn

*He Is Lord*

***He is Lord, He is Lord!***

***He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!***

***Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess***

***That Jesus Christ is Lord***

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing Jesus grants us peace and sends out to forgive. May we live into this holy calling with those we encounter this week. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

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 Dora Mae LeDaux  
 Fred Ledesma  
 Alice & Louis Loftin  
 Orianna Marchand  
 Matt Markos  
 Barbara Martin  
 Randy & Shannon Mayfield  
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 Linda Meyers  
 Ron & Michelle Mueller  
 Joyce Murphy  
 Family of Eric Neal  
 Arnold Northcut  
 Kelly Simmons Owens  
 Jim Padgett  
 Jimmy & Ruby Parker  
 Melva Phillips  
 Harlan Phipps  
 Mercedes Pierson

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 John Pool  
 Kenny Puckett  
 Charles Quinn  
 Regina Rahman-Wang  
 Beverly Reese  
 Buddy Renkema  
 Nikki Castilaw Rice  
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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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