

Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).

We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.

We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

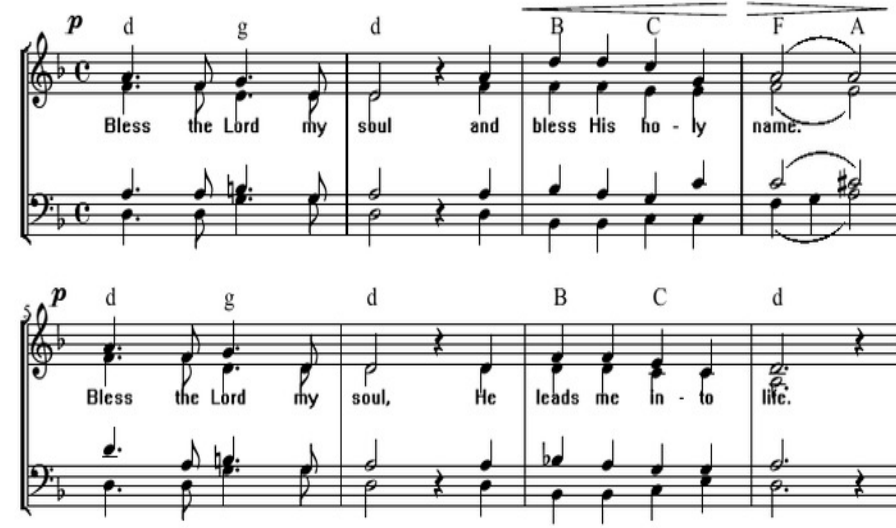
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

A Breath Prayer for the Easter Season:

"I put my trust in Your unfailing love."

Bless the Lord my soul

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Order of Worship

19 April 2020

The Second Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Reading from Psalm 16

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series: The Spirit of Easter

Sermon: "Easter Courage"

Scripture Reading: Acts 2.14a; 22-32

John 20.19-23

We Come to the Table

Prayers of the People

Song of preparation

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

We Eat and Drink Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life

Gossiping the Good Stuff

Doxology

Blessing and Sending

Sermon Reflection Guide

Acts 2.14a, 22-33

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the

hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our an-

cestor David that he both died and was buried, and his

tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he

knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he

would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the

Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witness-

es. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and

having received from the Father the promise of the Holy

Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear.

John 20.19-23

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 Jews, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said

this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the

disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to

them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent

me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain

the sins of any, they are retained."

Question for Everyone

(1) I am fearlessly courageous when encountering significant risk or danger. (10) I am fearful and cowardly when encountering significant risk or danger. Where are you on this range? What if the danger is spiders or snakes?

Peter the Rock

Peter raises his voice to speak so that he can be heard over what was most certainly a raucous crowd. He preaches a powerful sermon about how the resurrection of Jesus is the enthronement of God's Messiah in the world. Don't forget it was Peter who just a few days prior denied Jesus three times before that famous rooster crowed. Consider Peter's biography. Reflect upon the journey of transformation from Peter the Coward to Peter the Rock. How did this happen? When was the last time you needed to act courageously? How did you respond? Tell the story.

Jesus Can See Things We Can't See

Jesus has the ability to see in us the truth of who we are now and simultaneously who we will become through the grace of metanoia (a transformation of heart and mind). How might this insight be helpful to you? Are you patient with yourself and others?

The Spirit of Easter

Too often the Holy Spirit, in certain Christian traditions, becomes this rogue agent doing all sorts of weird things among Christians that Jesus never did. Jesus' signs and wonders weren't about strange manifestations, his power was revealed in the liberation and healing of those oppressed by powers beyond their control. During the Easter season, I want us to listen to the way the Spirit of Christ worked among his people just after Easter. The Spirit of Christ empowers the Church of Christ to do the mission of Christ in the world. How might merging the Easter and Pentecost stories be of benefit to us?

The Power of Peace

In John's gospel, the first gift of the Spirit is peace, not courage or language, but peace. Consider the relationship between peace and courage. How has the pandemic challenged your peace? How might maintaining one's peace be an act of courage? What does courage look like in these strange days?