

April 12, 2026

Easter 2

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Gathering

Prelude: *Make me a Channel of Your Peace*

Sebastian Temple; arr. Jane Holstein

Call to Worship:

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

—based on Psalm 130

Opening Hymn: #253 *Yours is the Glory*

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won;

Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away,

Conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Refrain:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared,

Do not doubt at all, for nothing you will fear.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

Tell it without ceasing, death has lost its sting: [Refrain]

Am I still frightened? One whom I adore,
Jesus, lives again, give peace forever more.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head;
Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread. [Refrain]

Time of Confession and Prophetic Action

Prayer of Confession:

Gentle and holy God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to live our lives differently, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose call to follow haunts our every prayer. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria #758 (Spanish/English)

Manna Offering (Insert)

Invitation to Offering

Leader: We are called to witness to the abundance in our life by sharing, so that all may have enough.

People: Just as God provided manna for God's children daily so will our daily needs be met.

L: We offer our gifts from God's abundance to our neighbors who live in scarcity, because it is God's desire that no one go hungry.

P: We give, giving thanks for the blessings we are now able to share.

Call to Share

Words of Sharing(unison) from Isaiah 58: 1-2

If we feed the hungry from God's plenty and satisfy the needs of the wretched, then our light shall rise like dawn out of darkness and our dusk be like noonday. We shall be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Hymn for Sharing *"Bread in the Wilderness"*

There'll be bread in the wilderness and plenty to share,
Bread in the Wilderness and plenty to share,
Bread in the Wilderness and plenty to share,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

(Bring your offering for Our Place forward during the singing of the hymn, put it in the basket on the table, and return to your seat. Or make your donation on line by pressing the "Donate" button and signifying 'Mana.'

Time of Prayer

Litany of Defiance:

**In defiance of corruption and falsehood,
we commit to truth and integrity
and we pray for honesty and uprightness
to increase in our world.**

**In defiance of apathy and hatred,
we choose to be proactive in love
and we pray for understanding and peace
to increase in our world.**

**In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,
we embrace the mystery of faith
and we pray for humility and wonder
to increase in our world.**

**In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance
we celebrate God's salvation**

**and we pray for compassion and faith
to increase in our world.**

**In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us
we choose again to follow Christ,
and we continue to pray,
not just now, but at all times.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer;

**Our Creator, who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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. Let us not fall into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Time of Reflection

John 20: 19-31

Hymn: #289 Come Forth O Love Divine

Come forth, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn

to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
till love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Sermon: Love in a time of Terror

Time of Offering

Offertory: *The Power of the Cross,*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. by Carol Tornquist

Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Dedication

Time of Commissioning

Closing Hymn: #249 *Peace I Leave with You my Friends*

Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

To share God's love is why I came,
To show God's kindness without end.
Go now, my friends and do the same,
Until I come again. [Refrain]

Take my hand and be at peace;
The spirit of our love I send.
And with this love you will be free,
Until I come again. [Refrain]

With this love now all will know
That loneliness is at an end.
Rejoice, my friends, although I go,
For I will come again. [Refrain]

Benediction and Commissioning

The psalmist says,

*"I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God
in the land of the living.*

Wait for the Lord;

be strong,

and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord!"

Know that you do not wait alone.

**God has given us one another for this journey of faith,
to help one another.**

Know that you do not wait alone;

Christ is with us.

Be encouraged, and encourage one another.

Go and share the Good News. Amen.

Postlude: Alleluia! Christ Has Risen! By Ron Lowee