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Second Sunday of Easter  
April 7, 2024 ~ 8:30 and 11:00AM

PRELUDE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. Wayne Wold)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

*Please sign the registration pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

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Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

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✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE #454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

✦ THE APOSTLES' CREED

✦ GLORIA PATRI

**Verse 1**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Make us your own, your holy people,  
 light for the world to see.

**Refrain**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gathered today.

**Verse 2**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
 Longing for hope, many despair.  
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your living voice.

**Refrain****Verse 3**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
 Longing for water, many still thirst.  
 Make us your bread, broken for others,  
 shared until all are fed.

**Refrain****Verse 4**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
 Make us your building, sheltering others,  
 walls made of living stone.

**Refrain****Verse 5**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
 Let us be servants to one another,  
 making your kingdom come.

**Refrain**

## ✠ DOXOLOGY

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 of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice  
 we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. **Amen.**

PSALTER (8:30) #850

Psalm 133

HYMN OF PREPARATION #420

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

SERMON

"Coming to Our Senses"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *UMH* #13

THE LORDS PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD/GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #557

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(arr. Paul Manz)

✠ Stand as able

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of our risen Christ  
 and in honor of Dr. Ann Pearson and all the Caring Ministry volunteers by Polly & Don Bedwell.*

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

**Liturgist:** (8:30) Dr. Gene Lammers (11:00) Steve Pearson

**Communion Servers:**

(8:30) Rev. Tom East & Pat East, Mary & John Hodgkins (11:00) Marie Green

**Ushers:** (8:30) Mark Woodrow (11:00) Mark Woodrow

**Music:** Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

**Media and Sound:** Toby Monckton, Colin Richardson

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*All Because of Jesus*

Shea White, Praise Team

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Forgiven  
If We Are The Body  
Even So Come*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

"The Real Work of Easter"

Rev. Laura Parker

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## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal, you are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

*\*\*\*Baskets are available to present your offering as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

## INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

## SENDING FORTH

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**Acolytes:** Ford & Whit Macklem

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# APRIL DATES...

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- Coffee with the Pastors | 9:45AM | Conference Room
- Confirmation Service | 4:00PM | Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- Be Still & Know Prayer Service | 6:00PM | Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23 – FRIDAY, MAY 3

- General Conference | Charlotte, NC

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Stephen Ministry Commissioning 2024 Class | 8:30AM | Sanctuary
- Children's Musical - *A Not So Terrible Parable* | 11AM Combined Service | CLC



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