

*Order of Worship*  
*SECOND SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON*  
9:30 am – April 16, 2023

*Participating Live?*

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

arr. Jane Holstein

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Kyle Hanks, organ

**GREETING**

**HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

UMH 327

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1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Patricia Gooch

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
The crucified one is risen in glory.  
**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**  
This is the Lord's doing.  
**It is marvelous in our eyes.**  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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**HYMN***O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* (verses 1-5)

UMH 317

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1. O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King, o'er death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spake unto the three, "Your Lord doth go to Galilee."  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. On this most holy day of days our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise to thee, in jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Tom Hundley

**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.**

**Praise Team Offering***In the Secret*

Andy Park

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**SCRIPTURE***John 20: 19-23; Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (NRSV)*

Patricia Gooch, liturgist

**The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

Esther Benedict, Lay Leader

**MUSICAL RESPONSE***Surely the Presence of the Lord*

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Risen Christ, bring resurrection hope through these gifts we now bring! May they become signs of new life and symbols of hope for a hurting world—a world yearning for the life-giving power of your saving love.**

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**HYMN***He Lives*

UMH 310

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1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.  
  
**Chorus:** 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.
2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. **Chorus**
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. **Chorus**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

arr. Mary McDonald

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Kyle Hanks, organ

### *In the Secret*

In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You.  
'Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice, I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face, I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal, that I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way  
'Cause I want to know You more.

### *Prayer Requests*

**Lancaster UMC**—Pastor Gregory Pittman

**Scott UMC**—Pastor Alma Johnson-Hawkins

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

All those affected by the recent gun violence

Mondays  
starting  
May 1st  
at 6:00 pm,  
in person or  
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