



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | April 16, 2023 | Second Sunday of Easter

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *This Joyful Eastertide*

James Biery

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: My heart is glad!

People: My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

Leader: For you do not abandon me.

People: You give me counsel.

Leader: You are at my right hand.

People: You show me the path of life.

Leader: Your presence is sheer joy.

People: You are my God; apart from you, I have no good.

All: Blessed is your name!

***Gathering Prayer**

***Hymn No. 246** *Christ Is Alive!*

Prayer of Confession

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us.

There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us.

You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. And so, now meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you...

Silent confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response No. 441** *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (v. 1)

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Please stand as you are able

WORD

First Lesson *Psalm 95: 1-7*

Second Lesson *Hebrews 10: 23-25*

Sermon *Why Can't Every Sunday Be Easter?*

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

***Hymn No. 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *The Call* from Five Mystical Songs

Vaughan Williams

***Doxology No. 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn No. 238** *Thine Is the Glory*

***Blessing**

***Dismissal**

*We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that
God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life, goes with us. Go in peace!*

Postlude *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Biery

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Worship Leaders

Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Liturgist, Rev. Dr. Jerry Bron
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger

Organist, Sara Bryant
Soloist, Steve Hassmer
Lay reader, Lisa Bohbrink

