



Sunday, April 11, 2021
~ Second Sunday of Easter ~

Virtual Service

Theme: How different first century Christianity is from our century's Christianity.

Worship Team: Rev. Pirie Mitchell, Dan Leaver, Lauren Wren,
Margo Bettger-Hahn, Kim Eyre

Music Team: Karen Schuessler, Dominik Kawa (organ student)
Hymn Leader: Richard Yake, Special Music: Boys' Choir (recording)

VU = Voices United hymnal MV = More Voices hymnal
Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!

Prelude: Pièce d'Orgue (César Franck) Dominik Kawa

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church Rev. Pirie Mitchell

Call to Worship Dan Leaver

Today is often called the "let down Sunday". We spend so much energy in building and preparing for Easter. Palm Sunday with its palms and parades. Maundy Thursday with its special food, foot washing and traitorous event. The agony of Good Friday and the hustling away of the body to a donated tomb. And then the puzzlement of the empty tomb and the realization by the disciples that Jesus is still with us. So, after all that, what can this Sunday offer us?

Opening Prayer (in unison) Rev Pirie Mitchell

O God, twice a year we feel the let down on the Sunday after. December 25 has a four-week lead-up called Advent. Jesus' birthday has some very special happenings in and about Bethlehem. Gifts are given. Visitors arrive and the Holy Family leave for either Nazareth or Egypt. Jesus is dedicated at the temple. Getting ready to celebrate Christmas lasts at least six weeks and the day is over so

very quickly. December 26 feels like the second Sunday of Easter. The path leading to Resurrection Sunday is longer with small celebrations along the way. Help us Lord to understand that the special moments are not events within the work Jesus set for us to be part of. Help us clearly see our responsibilities as completing his work with those in need. The highlights should move us on to greater good works in the community.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Dan Leaver

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

Hymn: This Is the Day That God Has Made

VU 175 both verses

*Refrain: This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!*

1. Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright!
Refrain

2. Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing!
Refrain

Learning with Children

Dan Leaver

Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU page 921)

Lauren Wren

**Our Father, 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Readings

Scripture reading: John 20: 19-31

Margo Bettger-Hahn

Secular reading: Resulting Days by Ethel Gillespie

Kim Eyre

Scripture reading: Acts 4: 32-35

Kim Eyre

Anthem: Jubilate Deo (Michael Bedford)

Boys' Choir Video – 2015

Message: Utopia or Unreality?

Re. Pirie Mitchell

Hymn: We Know That Christ Is Raised

VU 448 verses 1, 3, & 4

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
3. The God of splendour clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
4. A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

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O God, the great gift given to us by you at Easter is so much appreciated by us who walk the road with your child Jesus. Accept our efforts on his behalf. Remind us along the way that our efforts are making a difference in the world around us. Accept our gifts of currency toward the New Kingdom Jesus began in his time with us. Amen

Prayers of the People

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

O God of this world lead us forward into a new beginning. The Resurrection is a time of a new beginning. We never have a problem with the celebrations of the Christian year. Easter and Christmas are easy to remember and rejoice. The tough times we face is celebrating each day of service when we are tired and when times seem so hopeless. Help us with the rest of the year we pray. Give us insight into the ways we can meet realistically the goals of Jesus in this new age. Give us strength to discern the changes we need to make today and tomorrow.

O God we know there is a lessening in the community response to your son's message today. Give those members of our Christian alumni, who have chosen to withdraw from your son's ministry, except for the high holy days of Christmas and Easter, opportunities to return. We need them with us, not only in keeping the Spirit in Wesley Knox moving, but growing as well.

This morning we pray for ourselves. During this time of Covid keep us motivated to continue on the road to Damascus, to discover more about you and that wonderful

relationship you have with our earthly leader Jesus from Nazareth. Keep us motivated in the absence of those community ties which we cannot practice today. We see the Covid pandemic coming to a close and we hope and pray we will be able to return to those community ties which we miss so much. Keep us safe. Keep us in the faith. Keep us going in the mission work we so need to do for the world. Amen.

Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower

VU 703 all verses

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.



2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what is holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Commissioning & Benediction

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

Let us go from this place reassured that the Easter morning happens, and should be celebrated, each day of our lives. Carry the peace and love with you wherever you go. Amen.

Response (in unison)

VU 298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Sortie (Postlude) (Leon Boëllmans)

Dominik Kawa

WK Coffee Time: Stay tuned to find out who Glen or Jane speaks with this week!