

April 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Order of Worship  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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*The Church Gathers*

Joys & Concerns

Kyrie prayer: **In Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Prelude: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH349

\*Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH139

\*Call to Worship: (*responsively*)

L: What great joy we have!

**P: Our Lord is risen!**

L: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

**P: We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: Hallelujah!**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

**Lord of Resurrection surprises,  
open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Erase our excuses for unbelief,  
and exchange them for strong witness  
to the power of your mercy and love.**

**Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship,  
knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps.**

**In his name, we pray. Amen.**

*We Offer Prayers & Praise*

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (traditional) UMH 881

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

\*Presentation & Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH95

Children's Message: Wendy Miller

Special Music: James Carothers (8:30 am)  
Ward's Chapel Choir (11:00 am)

*We Meditate on God's Word*

First Scripture Reading: Leviticus 11: 29-31

Prayer for Illumination: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH110

\*Second Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 9-16  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Changes in God's Guidance" William D. Ellis, PhD

Holy Communion: (*see insert*)

*We Go Forth to Love & Serve*

\*Closing Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH278

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Amen"

Announcements

*The Church Goes Out to Love and Serve*

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\* *If you are able, please stand.*

- *Hymns & prayers designated with FWS are found in the small black hymnal, The Faith We Sing.*

*Please note: The Order of Worship Is Subject to Change at Any Time  
At the Direction of The Holy Spirit!*