



An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

WORSHIPING THE RISEN CHRIST DURING A TIME OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively):

We are still under a “Safer at Home” order.

But there is One who has left the place of confinement and who meets us each day in the places where we are.

This One who meets us is Jesus, our Crucified and Risen Lord.

He lives! He lives! He lives even today, and he meets us especially now.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Living Savior and Faithful Friend, meet with us in this our time of worship, enter the place where we are, and begin to make us into the people you want us to be in your name. Give us eyes to see you, hearts to love you, minds to know you, lips to praise you, hands to serve you, feet to follow you, and the will to want to grow more and more like you until people see you in us. Amen.

Hymn:

He Lives

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord Jesus, through whom and by whom the Living God speaks the word of forgiveness and works the work of renewal, we come confessing. We confess the masks that we wear in public and even those we wear in private. We do not mean the homemade and other masks recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of disease. We mean the masks that shield the characters we do not want others to see and the traits we hope to hide even from you. We mean the masks that cover up the fact we are not the people we want to be; we are not what we project we are. Help us now dare to expose ourselves to you, and then help us to live in transparency and integrity in the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

John 20:19-23

Sermon:

Where Jesus Appears among Us Now

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

Hymn:

Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One

Benediction

Postlude

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