8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP April 11, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" - J G. Walther

- P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

You may either stand or kneel.

- P: God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.
- C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed, and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.
- P: Raise from death the good that is in us-- and gift us with the good that is not in us.
- C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.
- P: We have failed you.
- C: We have failed our world.
- P: Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.

C: Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.

(Silence to ponder our wrongs.)

P: Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.

C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

- P: Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died—so now--in Jesus Christ--all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
- C: Amen.



GATHERING HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"



Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Dear God, we build prisons for ourselves in the name of personal freedom. You come through the walls to free us. What language shall we borrow to thank you, dearest friend? In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

SERMON: "What Difference Does Easter Make?"

Pastor Larry Isbell



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847 Music: William H. Monk, 1823–1889 EVENTIDE 10 10 10 10

APOSTLES' CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

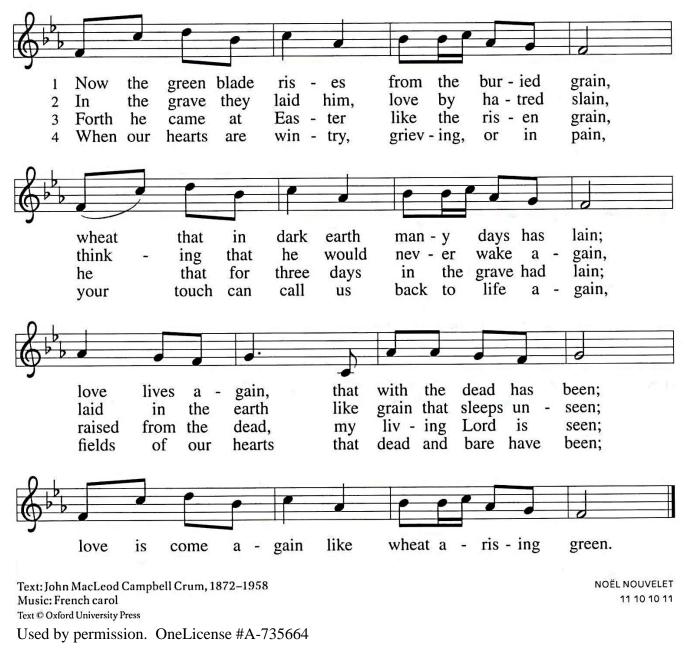
THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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 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 and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

- P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Now the Green Blade Rises"



DISMISSAL:

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Prelude on the Easter Hymn – C. V. Stanford

Today's altar flowers are given by Kelly Shelton in honor of her mother-in-law's birthday and by Ed & Terry DeVoe in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.

> (Please exit row by row, beginning with the back. Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)