

Sunday, April 12th, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *“Choral Chalice Lighting” by Charles Schott*

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Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have witnessed God’s mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord’s greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Let everything that draws breath

praise the Lord!

***Hymn** *“Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One”*

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Prayer for Illumination

O Risen Christ, be with us this day. We recognize your wounded hands; they tell us that you know what it is to struggle and suffer, and to prevail in the power of love. We grasp those hands, that they may lead us together into a deeper place of peace. Our week has left worries, answerless questions, blatant injustices, and unexpected disappointments. We are weary. **Come, O Risen Christ and receive our burdens as we empty our cares into your loving hands. Extend to us your joy. Give us imagination enough to pursue your abundant life! Pour into us the freshness of your new life; for you are our strength and our might. How wonderful you are for your loving-kindness toward us. Amen! Alleluia!**

Anthem *“O God of Peace” by Allen James*

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Scripture John 20:19-31

***Hymn** *“Peace I Leave with You, My Friend”*

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Sermon *“Peace”* **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns

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, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer”

by H.M. Teasdale

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Call to Offering

Offertory

****Doxology Pilgrim Hymnal #515 *[alternative words]***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him [God], all creatures here below

Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

***Hymn**

“Not with Naked Eye”

New Century Hymnal #406

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Benediction

Benediction Response

“Go Now In Peace” by Don Besig

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Postlude

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
 1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
 2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
 3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
 you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -
 noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
 peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
 sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
 Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
 End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in
 all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to
 you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
 2 Take my hand and be at peace;
 3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
 the spir - it of our love I send.
 that lone - li - ness is at an end.

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
 And with this love you will be free,
 Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un - til I come a - gain.
 un - til I come a - gain.
 for I will come a - gain.

Not with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense 406

Dan Damon, 1989

John 1:18; 20:26-29

Unison G Em G

1 Not with na - ked eye, not with hu - man sense:
 2 Not a gold - en king, not a might - y queen:
 3 Chil - dren learn of God sit - ting in the grass,
 4 Thom - as saw the Christ break - ing earth's rou - tine;
 5 Not with craft - ed scope, not with crys - tal lens:

C CM7 Am7 D7add9 G

Through the eye of faith ob - serve om - ni - po - tence.
 God's in earth and heaven and all that lies be - tween.
 Touch - ing, tast - ing, smil - ing, hear - ing Je - sus pass.
 Blessed are those who trust the Ho - ly One un - seen.
 Vi - sion of the Christ be - gins where see - ing ends.

Dan Damon commented about this hymn: "People who do not see with their physical eyes learn to rely on other senses. Sometimes faith is one of them." The tune is named for Valerie Stiteler, a United Church of Christ minister.

Tune: STITELER 5.5.5.6.
 Dan Damon, 1989