



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude Suite in the First Mode Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
IV. *Basse et Dessus de Trompette, ou de Cornet séparé, en Dialogue*
(The Bass and Treble of the Trumpet Stop,
or the composite Cornet stop, in Dialog)

The Greeting

Leader: Peace be with you.
**All: How good and pleasant it is
 when we live together in unity.**
Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.
**All: It is like precious oil on the head,
 the blessing of the Lord.**

The Prayer of Confession

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonder,
in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives
and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2206

Without Seeing You

WE BELIEVE

Refrain

Without seeing you, we love you;
without touching you, we embrace;
without knowing you we follow.
without seeing you, we believe.

1. We return to you deep within,
leave the past to the dust;
turn to you with tears and fasting;
you are ready to forgive. ***Refrain***

2. The sparrow will find a home,
near to you O God;
how happy, we who dwell with you,
forever in your house. **Refrain**
3. Forever we sing to you
of your goodness, O God;
proclaiming to all the world
of your faithfulness and love. **Refrain**
4. For you are our shepherd,
there is nothing that we need;
in green pastures we will find our rest,
near the waters of peace. **Refrain**

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The Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

The Sermon

Held in Common

Rev. Drew Willson

The Offertory Prayer

The Solo

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there;
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Methought the voice of angels, from heav'n in answer rang.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!*

And then methought my dream was changed,
The streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang;
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose, upon a lonely hill.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, hark how the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!*

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea;
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, sing for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna for evermore!*

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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

We Are the Body of Christ

Scott Wesley Brown and David Hampton

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We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor:	Dr. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singer:	Todd Minnich
A/V Team:	Dan Corcoran
	Jane Covington
	Glenn Thomsen

Scripture

Acts 4:32-35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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