



*“My Lord and My God!”*

**April 19, 2020**

9:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*We hope in this time you will experience God's love and grace.*

## Gathering and Praise

### Prelude

### Choral Call to Worship

### “This Is the Day”

UMH #657

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.*

*Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.*

*This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.*

### Call to Worship

*One: Christ is risen!*

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

*One: Though we find ourselves isolated in homes, apartments, and residential places,*

**Many: yet, we would listen to the birds singing, reminding us that the whole creation rejoices in the love of our God.**

*One: Though we cannot reach out and touch our friends and neighbors,*

**Many: we would rejoice that Jesus is in our midst, holding out hands of grace and hope to us!**

*One: Though we have to stand at a safe distance from others, whispering hello through masks,*

**Many: we know that the Spirit is all around us, breathing peace on us in these moments, surrounding us with grace and hope.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

### “The Day of Resurrection”

UMH #303

### Morning Prayer

**Many: Though our lives seem so lonely and empty these days, yet there is the sun in the morning, the moon and stars at night, the wonder of creation unfolding before our eyes and hearts, reminding us that we have nothing apart from you, God of Easter.**

**When we need to maintain boundaries and safe distancing, when we realize how much we miss human touch (yes, even us introverts), you invite us to touch your loneliness with our own, your sorrow and scars with our own, Brother of our souls.**

**When we find ourselves huddling in the locked rooms of our hearts, the doors and shutters of our souls securing us from the fears that are outside, you come, Spirit of hope, to breathe peace upon us, to always surround us with hope, to never abandon us to our loneliness.**

**God of Resurrection, God of every moment, remind us we are never, ever, apart from you, when we pray and when we are silent. Amen.**

### Special Music

### “Season of Promise”

*John Kemp*

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Witness

Gospel Witness

Contemporary Witness “The Difference a Week Makes”

I Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

*Rev. Gail Alexander*

## Responding to the Word

Prayer Hymn

“Kum Ba Yah”

UMH #494 (*sing twice*)

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.*

*Kum ba yah, my Lord kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Many: 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.**

Hymn of Discipleship

“Without Seeing You”

FWS #2206

Benediction

Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —



## Sermon Notes

### “The Difference a Week Makes”

**I Peter 1:3-9 & John 20:19-31**

*Spend time reading the Scriptures and then think about the following comments and questions.*

Has there ever been a time when someone told you something and you doubted what they were saying? How did they convince you they were telling the truth, or did they?

Is there something you doubt?

What would happen if Jesus asked you, “Have you believed even if you have not seen me?”

Why would these passages be important to the early church?

#### **Question for this week**

How are you creating and maintaining community when we physically cannot be together?

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