



**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*“There is a blessing for those who have not come to believe and yet keep trying to see.
Perhaps even for those who have tried and given up.” ~ Heidi Haverkamp*

~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Luke 24:34)*

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!



PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from John 20)*

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen!

Come, let us worship and adore him!

***HYMN**

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

GTG #463

by John Rippon

FOUNDATION

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...for in Jesus Christ we are restored. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*from John 20:19, 21*)

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.



ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 PETER 1:3-9

(CEB)

This is the good news we have received,

in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

GTG #494

Latin

QUEBEC

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-31

(CEB)

SERMON

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

~ *SENDING* ~

*HYMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GTG #634

By Fanny Jane Crosby

*BENEDICTION

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

*SENDING

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE



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