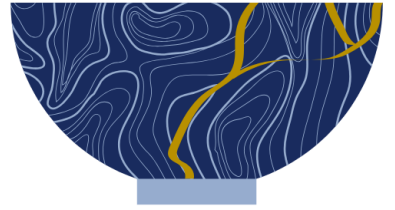


Sow Good News



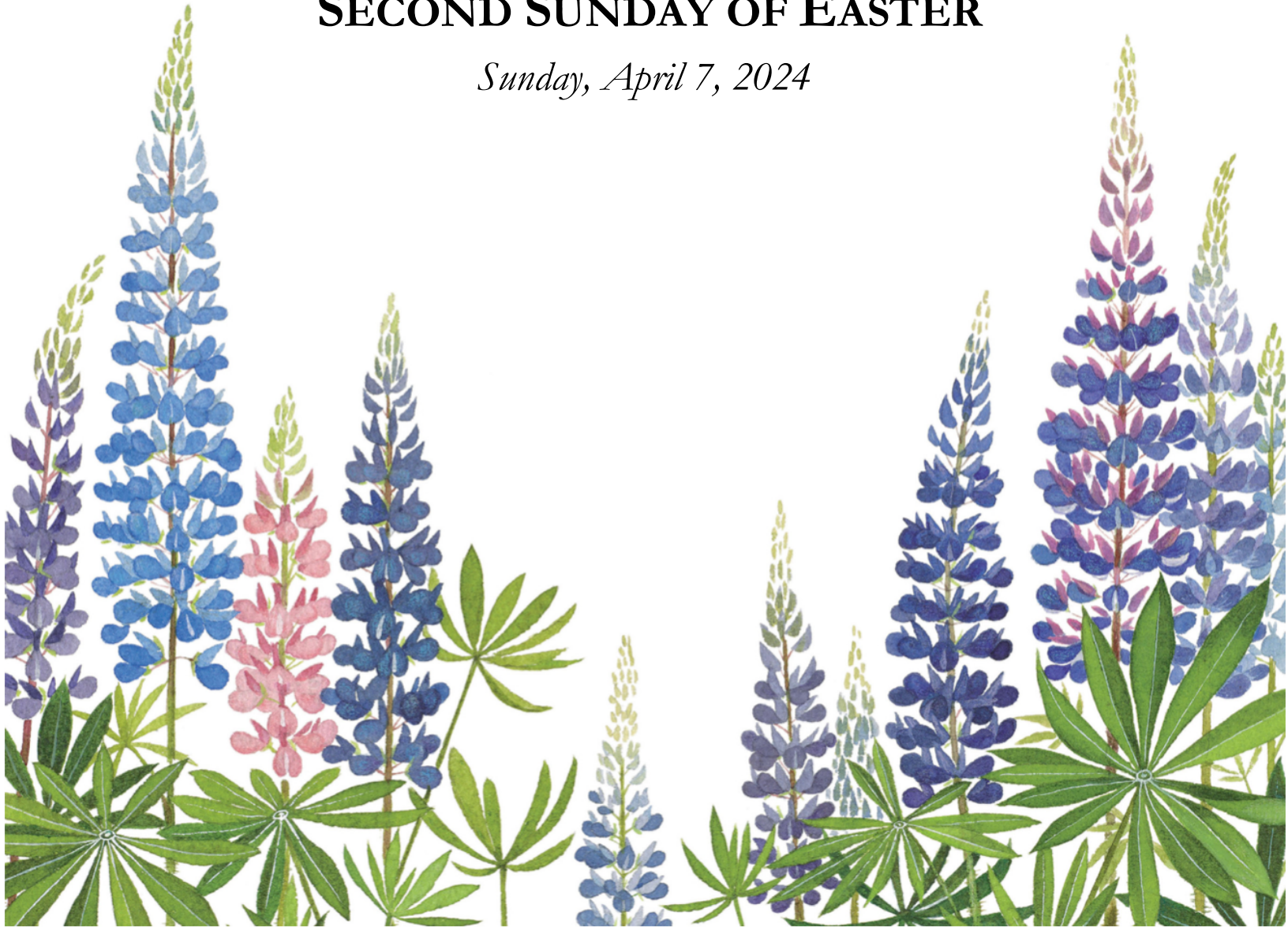
"We have this treasure in clay jars." (2 Corinthians 4:7)



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THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 7, 2024



C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Sue Saunders, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

"You must do something to make the world more beautiful."

~ from Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING SHINRIN-YOKU (FOREST BATHING) bit.ly/FMForestBath
In every walk with nature, one receives far more than one seeks.
~ John Muir

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(2 Corinthians 5)*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
See, everything has become new!

***GATHERING** LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING GTG #456
Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU) *Refrain x2*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 104, from Together We Pray)*

Bless the Holy One, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, in whom there is life.

As fresh springs well up from the earth,
cool rivers flow down from the mountains.

With every drink of water, we bless the Holy One

Bless the Lord, in whom there is life.

As plants and grasses grow to feed a hungry planet,
bread and drink make the heart glad to be alive.

With every meal, we bless the Holy One.

Bless the Lord, in whom there is life.

Come let us worship God.



***HYMN** BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL AND BEING! GTG #34
by Fred R. Anderson RUSTINGTON

CHILDREN OF GOD MY LORD AND MY GOD JOHN 20:19-31
THE PEACE TABLE: A STORYBOOK BIBLE

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

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

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, God is faithful still.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***ALLELUIA** HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH! GTG #591
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH* ~

***HYMN** SEEK YE FIRST GTG #175
by Karen Lafferty

***BENEDICTION**

How are we to proclaim unless we are sent:

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!

POSTLUDE

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