

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## The Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2005

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

*“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”*  
Jubilate Ringers

Bach/Dobrinski, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

We come again to celebrate resurrection.  
God gives us new birth into a living hope.  
**Death has no power over us.**  
**Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**  
Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!  
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.  
**Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.**  
**God shows us the path of life.**  
Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.  
Come to receive life in Christ’s name.  
**We rejoice in God’s amazing good news,**  
**In God’s presence, we find fullness of joy.**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 121

*“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*

The Prayer of Confession

The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

God never abandons us no matter how far we stray.  
**We have a goodly heritage which is ours to claim.**  
God shows us the path of life and offers us abundant joy.  
**Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice.**  
The living Christ is in our midst.  
**We are granted a new birth into a living hope**  
**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.  
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *New Testament* Lesson: *Acts 2:14a, 22-32* p. 948 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 16* p. 471 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“Be Thou My Vision”* John Rutter, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *1 Peter 1:3-9* p. 1058 in the pew Bible

A Moment with the Children

\*The Hymn 118 *“The Day of Resurrection!”*

The *Gospel* Lesson: *John 21:1-19* p. 945 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Willingness”*  
The Rev. Erin C. Sharp

. . . TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

\*The *Apostles’ Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People  
The Lord’s Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

**We offer to you our prayers, our songs, our offerings, that this service may be the means of caring for the flock of the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Service of Thanksgiving and Ending a Call

. . . AND TO BEAR AND FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD!

\*The Hymn 377 *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

\*The Charge and Benediction *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”* John Rutter, arr.  
Andrea Eisensmith, soprano

\*The Postlude