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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SILENT MEDITATION: "Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." –Philippians 2:4

GATHERING MUSIC GREETING

PRELUDE

"For this Glorious Easter Morning!"

Joel Raney

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 307 "Christ Is Risen"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna every one!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise God for the wonder of resurrection.

All: This is a season of rejoicing!

One: Praise God for the signs of new life.

All: We praise God for what we can do together.

One: Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.

All: We praise God that we share in that ministry today.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving and Giving God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Accept our gratitude as we lift our prayers of thanksgiving to you. We confess that sometimes we become possessed by what we have received from you, and that sometimes we seek to hold onto what you intend for us to share with others. Forgive us and let us find the greater joy of sharing the blessings of life you have entrusted to us. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

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.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Resurrection Medley"

Arr. Ralph Carmichael

"Lonesome Valley", Spiritual; "Christ Arose", Lowry; "Great Gettin' Up Mornin'", Spiritual;

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today", Wesley; "Were You There?", Spiritual

The Liturgist today is John Kritos.

Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, April 13, at Noon

Soup and dessert will be served. It is a time for men and their friends to gather for a time of fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan O'Neill.

SPECIAL CONCERT

April 18th, 2:00 PM, St. Luke's UCC's Sanctuary

A Special Concert lead by Matt Bennett, violin; Annie Bennett, piano (Matt's mom); and featuring

Hadley Langevin on the viola.

Hadley is a unified partner on the Team Missouri Basketball team that will be going to the Special Olympics USA games in Minneapolis this June. There will be a free will donation that supports the basketball team. The concert will be at 2:00 in St. Luke's Sanctuary.

SHARING TABLE

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. There are Bibles and some old hymnals available if you would like to take one or even more.



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting
Wednesdays, 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org



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