

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Praeludium from Partita No. 1, BWV 825* J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship Psalm 118:22-23  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 150  
Congregation sings all verses

\*The Call to Confession  
Christ Jesus comes among us with extended hands and a wide embrace, offering mercy and forgiveness and promising new life. Trusting in the One who has been raised from the dead, let us make our confession.

\*The Prayer of Confession John 20:19-27  
**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hearts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.**  
Hear us O Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence)  
Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

\*The Assurance of Pardon  
Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people go bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. This is good news!

**We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\*The Response verse 4, Hymn 123  
**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

The Anthem *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
Arranged and sung by Collin Whitfield

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 150 page 694 OT

The Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 page 154 NT

The Sermon "Blessed Doubt" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith (from the Belhar Confession)  
**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one**

another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Amen!

\*The Hymn *Thine Is the Glory* 122  
Congregation sings all verses

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)  
**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
The Offertory *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
Arranged and sung by Collin Whitfield

\*The Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude *Allemande from Partita No.1, BWV 825* J.S. Bach

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**Liturgist:** Connor Rousseau  
**Greeter:** The Rousseau Family

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# Second Presbyterian Church

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John 20:29

Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians

# Announcements and Upcoming Event

## April Mission

The mission and stewardship focus for April is the First Presbyterian Church food pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations will be collected through April 24th.

## Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the signup sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

## Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Greeters
- Liturgist
- Ushers
- Servers to set up and serve coffee hour after worship

## Rescue Mission Lunches

Many thanks to all who have helped put together the lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. All who have participated have enjoyed the fellowship with one another while helping those less fortunate than we. We will continue to meet in the kitchen on the Saturday before the first Sunday of each month. We make ham and cheese sandwiches and fill lunch sacks with chips, cookies, and a drink. Our next Saturday to meet is April 30 at 9:30am. Look forward to seeing you then!

Thank you!

## Women At Risk (W.A.R.) Int'l

W.A.R. is a non-profit organization that helps women experiencing abuse, exploitation, and trafficking. This is an organization that our congregation and Mission Committee has supported at various times in the past. They have an upcoming fundraiser on April 30, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in Birch Run at Taymouth Presbyterian Church. We would love to help share and promote. They will be selling handmade goods while providing education on human trafficking here and abroad. Click [here](#) for more information.



*It's YOUR Time to Make a Difference!*

**Event:** *Women At Risk (WAR)*

**Location:** *Taymouth Presbyterian Church  
12517 Mpsenville Rd, Birch Run, MI*

**Date:** *April 30, 2022*

**Time:** *10 AM - 2 PM*

**JOIN Us To...**

**LEARN** about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. **CREATE** circles of protection around women and children. **SHOP** beautiful jewelry and other hand-made gifts crafted by rescued and at-risk women. **RESTORE** women and children to lives of dignity and worth.

**Every \$250 in Sales Supports A Woman in a Safehouse for One Month!**