

Astoria First United Methodist Church
April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances Gunn

CENTERING MUSIC

Kristin Hammond

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Michael

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Hicks

We gather in the name of the risen Lord. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather to share our faith and to worship God. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michael

NT SCRIPTURE READING

“Acts 4:32-35”

Sue Hicks

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Kristin Hammond

PSALTER READING

“A Song of Ascents of David /Psalm 133”

Sue Hicks

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor Michael

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sue Hicks

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your

children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division and remind us that we are your Easter people.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sue Hicks

When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another. When we confess our sins, Christ who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world.

AMEN

NT READING

“1 John 1:1-2:2”

Sue Hicks

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“words on screen”
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
“verses 1, 2, 3, 4”

Mary Frances Gunn
UMH#420

GOSPEL LESSON

“John 20:19-31”

Pastor Michael

SERMON

“He's Alive”

Pastor Michael

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Michael

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

Ad Council Meeting after worship on Sunday, April 18.

We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.

Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.

If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.

We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.
