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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



**April 8, 2018**





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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Second Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *All the People Said Amen*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Wonderful Merciful Savior  
Forever  
Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *All Who Trust*

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SERMON *THE POWER OF LOVE: Love Reassures*

OFFERING SONG *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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COMMUNION *Holy Spirit*

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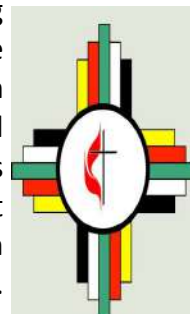
Saturday, April 21 ~ Tickets \$15  
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Games begin at 1:00 pm

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Contact Priscilla Alquist for tickets and information

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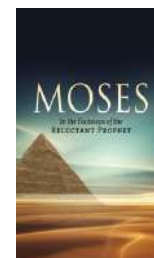
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Books are available

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Fiscal Year to Date Received:

\$214,334

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10:30 AM

**Second Sunday of Easter  
Communion Sunday**

### CENTERING WORDS

"Faith keeps many doubts in her pay. If I could not doubt,  
I should not believe."

~ Henry David Thoreau

PRELUDE *I Found a Friend/What a Friend I Have in Jesus*

Stebbins/Converse

INTROIT

*Majesty*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Breathing new life into our days,  
**God's Spirit has called us here.**  
Breathing faith into our doubts,  
**God's Spirit is with us now.**  
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\*OPENING HYMN

*Christ is Alive*

No. 318

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Spirit, breathe upon us with your loving presence this day.  
Open our eyes, ears, and minds to the wisdom you are bringing.  
Bind us together as one body that worships together—  
a body that shares the gifts you bring.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judy Atwood

*Nursery care is available.*

*Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer  
Congregational Prayer  
Choral Response

*He is Lord*  
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No. 177  
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CHORAL ANTHEM *Irresistible* arr. Russell Mauldin  
B. G. Perriguy, soloist

SCRIPTURE Psalm 133  
John 20:19-31

HYMN (*remain seated*) *The Strife is O'er* No. 306

SERMON *THE POWER OF LOVE: Love Reassures*

OFFERING  
Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory *Lead Me Lord* Samuel Wesley  
\*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering  
*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*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, page 15  
Communion Song *The Love of God* Frederich M. Lehman

\*CLOSING HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* No. 308

\*BENEDICTION  
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BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Alleluia, Amen* No. 90

POSTLUDE *And Can It Be? (Amazing Love)*  
Charles Wesley/Thomas Campbell



\*Worshippers stand as able

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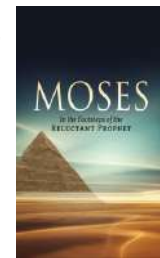
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