

**Morning Worship**  
**April 8, 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold  
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *O Day Full of Grace* Wold

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship Billy Smith

Peace be with you.

**How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

Let us worship God

\*Prayer of the Day

**Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.**

\*Hymn 254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Yet we believe and proclaim that God yearns to be reconciled with us and to shower mercy on us. Let us confess our sins together, so that we may know the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The majesty and power of the Creator are matched only by Divine mercy and love. Because of this love, made clear in Jesus Christ, we can rejoice that we are forgiven of all rebellion and strong-headedness. God is ever-present with us to guide us home. Friends, trust the good news of your salvation,

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

**We Receive God's Word**

Children's Sermon

*Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

"Apologies to Thomas"

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn 255 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

\* Declaration of Faith (1 Cor. 15:1-6)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

\**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Prayers of The People (concluding with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering Invitation

Offertory *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight* Biery

\* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

Prayer of Dedication

**We Depart in God's Name**

\* Hymn 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *Because You Live, O Christ*

\* Postlude *With High Delight Let Us Unite* Abel

**Elder in Charge of Greeting**

Tracie Phillips

**Deacons in Charge of Ushers**

Kaye Marsh and Kim Brabham

**Prayer List as of April 8, 2018**

Benny Moore Bennie Moore

Gerry Rogers Pam Chapman

Dee Pierce

Residents at Presbyterian Communities of SC

Ruth Leggett – Columbia

Artha Sompayrac – Summerville

B. J. Moore - Summerville

Copies of the **extended prayer list** (which includes non-members) can be obtained by calling the church office.

**Nursery/Pray N' Play**

April 8 Kelli Beck

April 15 Hadleigh Smith

April 22 Becky Childers

April 29 Laura Folger

