

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

11:00 AM

GATHERING, PRELUDE, Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 175

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 16 - WCUMC-SPRC Meeting 7 pm  
18 – WCUMC Yard Sale - Help Needed for  
set up the day before, for the day of (in the Kitchen, )  
and for clean-up afterward.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps 16 (selected verses) dwh

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.**

HYMN: The Day of Resurrection 303  
(same tune as “Lead on O King Eternal”)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Loving God, who surrounds us with grace,  
help us know your presence and receive your guidance today,  
that through our gathered worship,  
we might continue to build up the Body of Christ  
as we grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: John 20: 19–31

Ephesians 4:10–16

1 Peter 1: 3–9

## CONFESSION

Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel , via Discipleship Ministries

God’s mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea,  
and God’s grace is wider than the whole of the earth.  
Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession,  
before God and each other;

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,  
and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,  
The prejudice that impedes us,  
The ignorance that hinders us,  
The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will  
Find courage in unlikely places,  
Move to those places where love is needed,  
And have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

{silent prayers}

## ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven!  
We are set free to go out into the world  
and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

CHOIR: Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420

EASTER SERMON SERIES Embracing an Adverbial Faith  
Week 1: Formed Faithfully - Disciples Formed by Jesus Christ

HYMN: Depth of Mercy! Can There Be 355

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## INTERCESSIONS

## THE LORD’S PRAYER



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How might we in the church use our wounds to help others come to faith?

### ***Morning Prayers:***

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and have promised to fill me  
with the gladness of your presence.

Keep me mindful of your guidance and your promise  
as I travel through this day,  
that my heart may be glad. Amen.

### ***Evening Prayers:***

Thank you, God, for giving me your counsel today.

Tonight, as I sleep, may the dreams of my heart  
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In you I have a good heritage,  
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