

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ranson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:
How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's
resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here,
for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story
still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the
resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

*OPENING HYMN

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH #304

*OPENING PRAYER

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to
redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life
that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over
fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your
guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected
Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

*Written by Rev. Vinod Wesley and posted on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ)
website at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-2a-april-16/>.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2: 22-32

CHILDREN'S TIME

Shelly Barber

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Rev. Jennifer Coffey

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Traditional Affirmation

UMH #881

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Sing, O My Soul

A.W. Leupold

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*CLOSING HYMN

"Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing"

UMH #318

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach

**Please stand as you are able*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Steve Bendall by Catherine Bendall.*

Ways to Give

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