



April 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

***(†) The congregation is invited to stand or (Sit with Gusto)
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds***

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God, we praise you!

Risen Christ, we greet you!

Holy Spirit,

we are one body by your grace.

You alone are holy,

and we worship you.

Glory be to you,

O God of all Creation.

Thanks be to you,

O Christ, for our salvation.

O God, you have defeated sin and death.

Glory to you in the highest!

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit,

and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad
with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son.
Forgive us because, like them,
we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe;
forgive us that we are so easily downcast,
and given to despair;
forgive us that,
although we claim to live by the resurrection faith,
we so often appear to believe
that suffering is simply a tragedy
and that death is the end;
forgive us that we take so much convincing
of the hope that you give to the world.
Come to us, Lord God,
in the power of the risen Christ.
Take away our crippling doubts and fears,
and through your Holy Spirit
bring us to life in your service;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**The peace of God be with you.
Receive God's forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit,
for Jesus is risen from the dead.
Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst,
and we see the presence of Christ
reflected in each other's faces.
Happy are those who have not seen,
yet have come to believe.**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#) (Pg. 885) **

ANTHEM [Now the Green Blade Riseth](#) Arr. [Simon Lindley](#) (1948-2025)

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

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We Walk by Faith

1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No
 2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and
 4. That when our life of faith is done in

gra - cious words we hear _____ of him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; _____ yet in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound; _____ to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light _____ we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near. _____
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" _____
 you are near, and seek where you are found: _____
 as you are in full and end - less sight. _____

WORDS: Henry Alford, alt. (Mark 9:24; John 20:27-29)
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† GOSPEL LESSON:


[John 20: 19-31](#)

(Pg. 883) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the
Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is
now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

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SERMON: John Wilderman

"We All Have Doubts, and That's Okay"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing *O FILII ET FILIAE*

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.

REFRAIN
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.

7. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless but believing be."

8. No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.

9. How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill

Ostinato Refrain



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

† DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



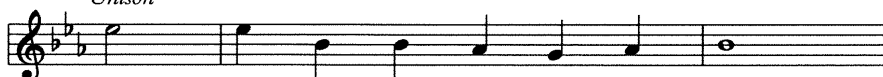
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony

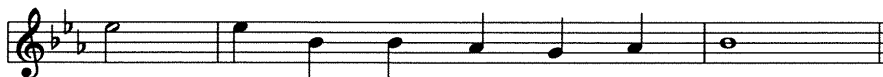
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Musical notation for the 'Refrain' section, harmony part. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of three flats and a 3/4 time signature. The treble staff features a melody of quarter notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E5, and a half note G5. The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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Looking Ahead

Readings for April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41 / Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23 / Luke 24:13-35



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