



## The Celebration of Worship

April 19, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
Pastoral Residents: Rola Al Ashkar  
Veronica Gould

### Welcome

*Please join in lighting a candle at home.*

### Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let  
Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

### Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: People of God, rejoice!

**People: Celebrate before the Lord with gladness and great joy!**

Leader: For Christ is the Lord of heaven and earth.

**People: Let us rejoice in his eternal presence!**

### Gathering Hymn

“We Walk by Faith”

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

**All: Gracious God, our sin is too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and  
too deep to undo. Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us  
grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the promise of God from the Book of Acts: “God has raised  
Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Everyone who calls on the  
name of the Lord will be saved.”

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Response to God’s Mercy

**Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it  
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,  
Amen, Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Discovery Table

Rola Al Ashkar

### Hymn of Grace

“Without Seeing You” (sing three times)

### Unison Prayer Of Guidance

**All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts,  
the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be  
acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name  
we pray. Amen.**

### First Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great  
mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that  
is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are  
being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready  
to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little  
while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your  
faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by  
fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus  
Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and  
even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with  
an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of  
your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Second Reading

John 20:19-22, 26-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## Sermon

Veronica Gould

"Faith is Blind"

## Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

*Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.*

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. P. Anderson

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

"Christ is Alive!"

## Benediction

Veronica Gould

## Response: "Shalom"

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)**

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)**