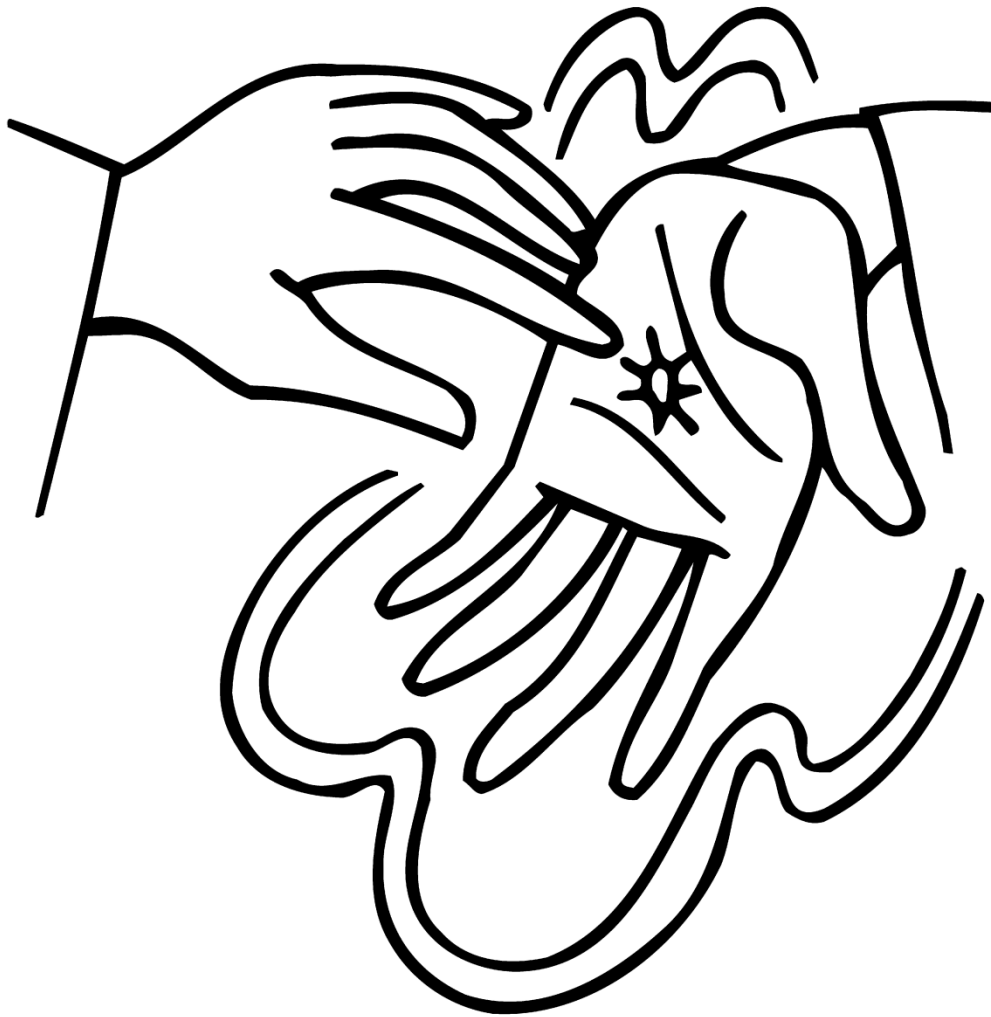




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**April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**PRELUDE** - Variations on "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain", Michael Burkhardt

**John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      **Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

**Where despair prevails, grant hope.**

**Where chaos reigns, bring peace.**

**We ask this through Christ,**

**who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.**

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**This Joyful Eastertide #391**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.**

**REFRAIN**

**Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
till trumpet sounding loud shall wake the dead in number.**

**REFRAIN**

**Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill m passing soul deliver.**

**REFRAIN**

**GREETING**

**The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.**

**KYRIE p. 184**

**(red hymnal, front section)**

**REFRAIN**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**REFRAIN**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**REFRAIN**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**REFRAIN**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the Water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**REFRAIN**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

**Let us pray together.**

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

### FIRST LESSON: Acts 2 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God  
with deeds of power, wonders, and signs  
that God did through him among you,  
as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you  
according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

But God raised him up, having freed him from death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David  
that he both died and was buried,  
and his tomb is with us to this day.

Since he was a prophet,  
he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him  
that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,  
‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 16 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to God, "You are my God, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

O God, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless God who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set God always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Second Reading: I Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By God's great mercy we have been given 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31**

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 Jews, 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. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  
But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."  
But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,  
and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,  
I will not believe."

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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not written in this book.  
But these are written so that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**This is the gospel indeed.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**



You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders, our pastor and church council. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief, especially...

- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Gary Brochtrup - cataract surgery 4/20
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Mike Lorenzo - Back surgery on Tuesday, 4/18
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ken Foran - recovering from knee surgery
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - adjusting to new medications
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Bob Clemensson, Dan Sperow and Linda Luke who celebrate their birthdays this week

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healer of our every ill, we now lift before you others deserving our prayers, especially...

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love, especially Jo Ellen Tubbs-Smelcer. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 190**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying,  
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,  
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD p. 191**

**(red hymnal, front section)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

## **TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
AMEN.**

**BLESSING**

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Go, My Children, With My Blessing #543  
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.  
God, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
God, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
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- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.
- **The Worship Planning Team**, for doing what their name says!

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will start tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episode 1. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group!
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom tomorrow, Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Contact Pastor Brian with your interest for a Zoom invite.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee Club** will meet this Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:00 am at the Buttercup on Morro Bay Blvd.
- Zion Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo is holding a **Ping Pong Tournament** on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at their church building. It is for all ages. If you are interested in participating as a congregation, let Pastor Brian know. More information at zionslo.com. They are also considering starting a ping pong league!
- We received the sad news that former Calvary pastor **Rev. Sid Bennett** died last weekend. There will be an upcoming memorial service for him at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo. Details are forthcoming.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:  
morrobaylutherans.org**