

2nd Sunday After Easter

"Our Twin Brother We Never Met"
Pastor Carl McCormack

- Psalm 16
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

CELEBRATING 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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Welcome & Announcements Russ Mathis

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude Jo Murry

*Call to Worship Russ Mathis

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.
We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

*Opening Prayer Russ Mathis

*Opening Song of Praise #35 "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty"

Call to Confession Russ Mathis

Prayer of Confession Russ Mathis (In Unison)

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you, or we demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us so much. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Hear us now as we silently confess the secret sins of our daily lives...

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Carl

Friends, believe and proclaim the wonderful news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri

#581

Passing the "Peace of Christ"

Prayer for Illumination

Russ Mathis (In Union)

Gracious God, you've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your Word read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.

Reading of the Psalm

#16

Russ Mathis

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart
instructs me.

8 I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

11 You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Russ Mathis

3 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, **4** and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, **7** 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. **8** 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, **9** for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Pastor Carl

19 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." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." **24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** 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.” 26 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.” 27 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.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 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.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 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.

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “Our Twin Brother We Never Met” Pastor Carl

*Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

(From 1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:9 (16:1–9); Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28)

*Song of Affirmation #817 “We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Stewardship Moment

Offering/Offertory Jo Murry

*Doxology #609

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song of Commitment #804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude Jo Murry

Assisting in Worship:
Pastor Carl McCormack
Russ Mathis, as Liturgist
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter
Jennie & Dana Pierce, Ushers
Jo Murry, as Piano/Organist

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 04/16— 2nd Sunday After Easter

9:45am—Fellowship Sunday School—Parlor
11am—Worship online & in-sanctuary Pastor Carl
1:30pm Session Meeting

Monday, 04/17

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room
11:30am—Worship Committee—Conference Room
6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society—Steen Hall

Tues. 04/18

10am—Moring Bible Study Group
1pm Afternoon Bible Study Group
6:30pm Woodworkers

Wednesday. 04/19

4:30pm—No Bell Choir (will return practice May 3rd)
5:30pm—Evening Bible Study

Friday, 04/21

7pm—AR Country Dance Society

Saturday, 04/22

9:30am—Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering—Ferncliff

Sunday, 04/23— 3rd Sunday After Easter

9:45am—Fellowship Sunday School—Parlor
11am—Worship online & in-sanctuary Guest Pastor Cyril Hollingsworth

PRAYER NOTES—

Recent: Lynn Burton; Willette Lollar; Wendell Phillips; LaVonne Smith

Continued prayers for: Patt Bond, Claire Caldwell; Ed Caldwell; Pat Clark; Donna Ellis; Jesse Macom-Teague; Ann & Jack McCollum;

Continued prayers for friends of the church: Charles & Darnell Clark; Constance Hughes; Shirley Garlington; Margret Nixon; Judy Peters; Carleton Philbrick; Stephanie Phillips (Gail & Wendell Phillips Daughter-In-Law); Elizabeth Pollard; Norma Smith;

Prayers for those in home confinement: John Atterbury; Ann Cother; Bunn Falls (Johnson County Health & Rehab, Clarksville); LeMoyne Jones (AR State Veterans Home); Willette Lollar (Presbyterian Village); Steve Pollard (VA Hospital); David Rennie; Ann Woods;

Continued prayers for those in grief: For the Family of Hannah Cox; For the anniversaries of all those who have passed.

*Please contact the church office if you need someone placed on or off of the prayer notes. Thank you.