



April 27, 2025  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Green Dream Team

VOLUNTARY

*A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Brooke Fraser

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us!

**Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God of empty tombs and wondrous surprises:  
when we hesitate to speak of your resurrection life,  
forgive us, and give us our voice.**

**When we struggle to love another as you have loved us,  
forgive us, and fire up our compassion.**

**When we stay locked in behind doors of fear and despair,  
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us –**

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the whole creation,  
in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. (*silent prayers of confession*)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8: 18-27

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19-31

PROCLAMATION

*Renew the Whole Creation*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in the Spirit deep within us, Advocate and Guide, who lives and strives with us.**

**We believe in God's resurrection promise for all the world, where all things are healed and made alive, and all creation sings together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within ... always with us, behind us, ahead of us ... God yesterday, today, and forever.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.**

**OFFERING**

*Thank you Jesus for the Blood*

Charity Gayle

(if you have completed your pledge card please place in offering plate)

**\*DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 22**

"God of the Sparrow"

ROEDER

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN 600**

"Amen"

AMEN

**Amen, Amen,**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**