



Sunday, April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter

## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

### **Welcome and Gathering Prayer**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Prelude**

*Allegro maestoso* from Sonata op. 65 no. 2 in C minor  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 28:6-9**

Praise be to the LORD,  
for he has heard my cry for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy,  
and with my song I praise him.  
The LORD is the strength of his people,  
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.  
Save your people and bless your inheritance;  
be their shepherd and carry them forever.

### **Introit**

“Rejoice, Rejoice”  
Words and Music: Mark Patterson

IPC Choir  
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

### **\*Call to Worship**

Hahat Melchior

Leader: This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news— once we were no people; now we are God's people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**People: Hallelujah! Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!**

### **\*Hymn of Praise – #108 “Christ Is Alive!”**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to destruction and despair.

**People: Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon – 1 Peter 1:18-21**

Leader: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,

**People: but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

Leader: He was chosen before the creation of the world,

**People: but was revealed in these last times for your sake.**

Leader: Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him,

**People: and so your faith and hope are in God.**

## **God's Gracious Will for Our Lives**

Leader: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)

**People: May we never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to us, and us to the world.**

(based on Galatians 6:14)

**\*Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

## **RECEIVING GOD'S PROMISES**

**Baptism – James Nusser**

## **RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Choral Prayer of Illumination**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

Music: Howard Nelson

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43:10-13 (pp. 729-730)**

Hahat Melchior

**New Testament Reading – Acts 9:1-6 (p. 1102)**

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response** – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” (*insert*)

**Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Cheyne Davidson, Elder for  
Morning Worship

**Offertory**

“Just As I Am Without One Plea”

IPC Choir

Words: Charlotte Elliott

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury

**\*Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayers of the People**

Cheyne Davidson

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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. Amen.**

## GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

**Welcoming of Guests**

Cheyne Davidson

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Dedication** – “I Know Whom I Have Believed” (*insert*)

**\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**Choral Benediction**

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Music: Jody Lindh

**Postlude**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Little Fugue no. 8 in B flat Major BWV 560

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**\*Please stand if you are able.**

*Today’s bulletin cover features “The Conversion on the Way to Damascus” (1601) by the Italian artist Caravaggio. This depiction of the Damascus road conversion of the Apostle Paul (then Saul) was produced for the Cerasi Chapel of the church of Santa Maria del Popolo, in Rome.*