



**April 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday After Easter**

Brief Announcements

Prelude *That Easter with Joy Was Bright* Praetorius

Opening Prayer Vicki Ott

\*Opening Hymn *Christ Arose!* CH 224

Children's Moment John Gerdes

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-48 Vicki Ott

Table Talk **"You Are Witnesses of These Things"** Jeff Moore

Invitation to Discipleship Jeff Moore

\*Hymn of Invitation *The Day of Resurrection!* CH 228  
*This hymn was sung at WGCC on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1985*

Invitation to the Lord's Table Jeff Moore

Communion Hymn *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* CH 231

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer Max Ott

Communion Meditation  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts & Commitments Jeff Moore  
 Prayer over the Offering  
 \*Doxology

Prayers of the Community Jeff Moore  
*This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Puerto Rico, and those countries under the siege of war and natural disasters*

The Prayer that 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn Alleluia CH 106  
 \*Benediction Jeff Moore

Postlude Kai Woodrome, cello

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 \* = Please stand if you are comfortably able.  
**CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal AAH=African-Amer. Hymnal**

Greeter(s): Kay & Gerry Love  
 Musicians: Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director)  
 Prayer Composer: Devoree Crist  
 Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Andrew Damsgaard-Rodriguez

## **Opening Prayer April 14, 2024 Sunday Worship**

### **Luke 24:36-48**

We praise you, O magnificent God. We can experience the presence of Christ every day if we take the time to pay attention. Bless us with your Spirit moving in and through us, so we can let go of our own egos and truly see and hear others. There we will see and hear testimony from those around us about how they experience you and the peace that passes understanding. As we worship you, let our souls reach out for those around us, for we are one in you. Let their witness strengthen us. May our own lives show everyone we encounter how important you are to us. You have loved this faith community and continue to guide and nourish us into the future. We thank and praise you, O magnificent God!

**AMEN**

## Luke 24:36-48

### New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

#### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**36** While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” **37** They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. **38** He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? **39** Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” **40** And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. **41** Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate in their presence. **44** Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.