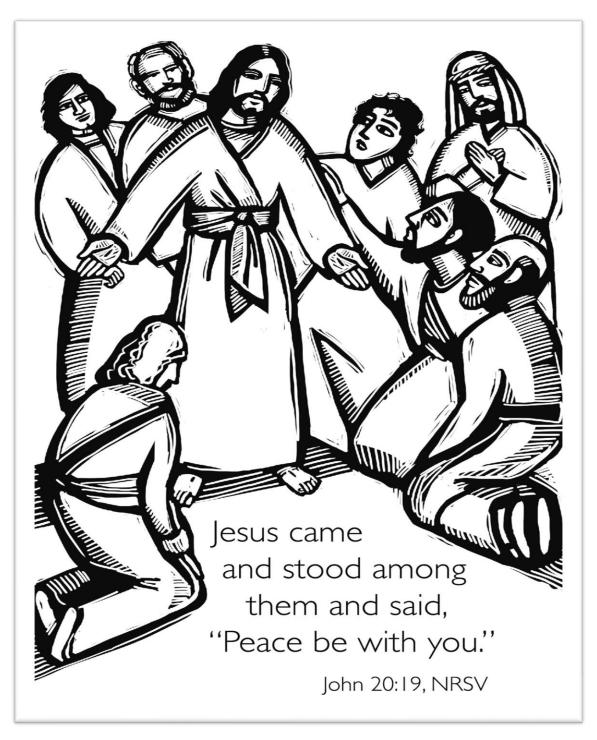
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 24, 2022

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME. If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

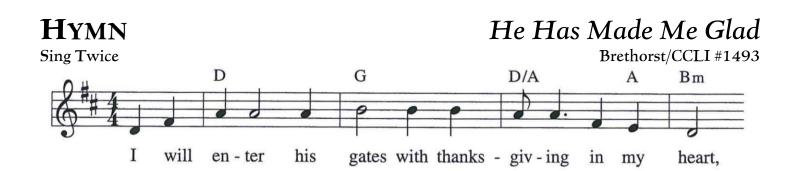
PRELUDE

Lord, I Believe

Ryan Price

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. Amen.





EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING

We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and $\mathbf{\dagger}$ of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give

repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC Psalm 19

Ryan Price

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

why?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

Not as they appear

We stand.

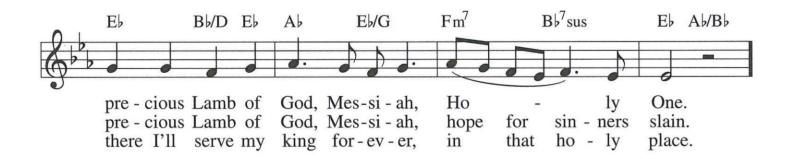
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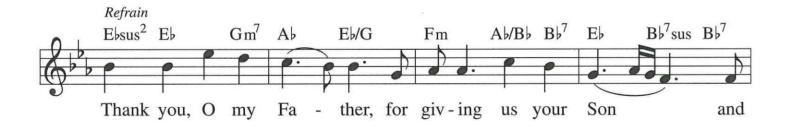
There is a Redeemer

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HOLY BAPTISM

We sit.

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: We present Caroline Anne Mills for Holy Baptism.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in him hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Caroline grow in the Christian faith and life? *Parents:* We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Caroline and pray for her in her new life in Christ? *We do.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, the baptized and this community of faith to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *We renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

BAPTISM

Caroline Anne Mills, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Caroline Anne Mills, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

We pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Caroline with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *Amen.*

Caroline Anne Mills, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. *Amen.*

Dylan & Amanda, child of God, you are reminded of the seal of the Holy Spirit and reminded of the promises you make this day on behalf of Caroline. Amen.

WELCOME

Caroline is presented a baptismal candle. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life." Matthew 5:16 We welcome Caroline.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart



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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. We praise your name.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us And on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come!

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

MUSIC Isaiah 6

Agnew/ CCLI #4463126

You are My King (Amazing Love)

Foote/CCLI #2456623

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever. *Amen.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen! He is risen!

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN Step by Step Strasser/CCLI #696994 O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise



As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

Agnus Dei

Smith/CCLI #626713

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Caroline's baptism by Dylan and Amanda Mills.



He-Brews Supper clubs will begin April 30th. This will give our members an opportunity to share a meal together, get to know others in our congregation, and encourage one another in our faith

journey. How do I participate? Sign-up on the sign-up sheet located in the breezeway. All participants will be divided randomly into small groups. A contact person will be determined for each group. This contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for a meal. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people.

The annual reports have been printed and are available in the rear of the sanctuary. If there is any update to your information, please send a note to the church office.



Office@WeAreMtHermon.com

We have added additional emails for the music staff

Music@WeAreMtHermon.com Prayers@WeAreMtHermon.com

If you have a prayer request, please send to this email address and we will post to the FaceBook closed group, Disciples of Christ.



Eagle Project for Tanner Addy

My name is Tanner Addy and I am from Boy Scout Troop 331 in West Columbia. I am currently a Life Scout and working toward my Eagle Scout Rank. One of my Eagle Scout requirements is to plan and execute a service project that benefits the community.



Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

My project will be to create an "Outdoor Sanctuary" for Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church. The "Outdoor Sanctuary" could be used for a variety of activities and events. Some of those could include: Easter Sunrise Service, Confirmation, Lenten Services, Worship, small group time of prayer, Sunday School groups or events, VBS, and many more. I plan to build wooden benches along with a wooden cross. The "Outdoor Sanctuary" will be kept with a natural appearance.

I plan to begin building my project late spring or as soon as funding is received. The estimated cost to build the "Outdoor Sanctuary" is \$1,000.00. Donations can be placed in the offering plate labeled "Tanner's Eagle Project" or you may give from our website at www.VVeAreMtHermon.com and select Online Giving. I am very thankful for your prayers and any assistance you're able to provide me with my Eagle Project.



Grief Seminar

Deborah Poole, Certified Grief Counselor

May 22nd 4:00 Fellowship Hall

All are welcome!

-hall

No two persons grieve the same.





A search team has been established and they are beginning the process of listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as they identify the next Director of Music. If you, or someone you know, is interested in the position, please contact Wynne Price or Pastor Gina. In the meantime, if you would

be interested in playing/leading worship for a Sunday or two, or if you would be interested in playing one hymn during the Wednesday noon service, please speak to Pastor Gina. We know that God will see to it that the right person is identified and sent to musically and spiritually lead Mt. Hermon's music ministry. Please join the search team in prayer that we are obedient and open to the Spirit's movement.

Thank you to the disciples of Christ, who call Mt. Hermon, Home!



Choir: The music and worship services were a blessed time throughout Lent, The Three Holy Days, and of course, the Easter worship. **Thank you!**

Altar Guild: Thank you for the many parament changes, resetting after stripping the altar, and for communion each and every Sunday morning and evening during Lent and also throughout the year. Thank you!

Workers in the kingdom: Thank you to all the many hands who prepared, decorated, and served the Seder Meal, decorated the sanctuary, greeted, ushered, and served during the many services during Lent and Holy Week. Thank you for purchasing food for the Food Pantry Easter Meals. Thank you all for being diligent followers of the Risen Christ.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

It is my privilege to serve alongside you!

Pastor Gina

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

04/17/2022

In-person Worship 136 + Live Stream Worship 72 = 208

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,369.15
Building Fund	Received	\$1,380.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$270.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

- † To the glory of God and in loving honor of our granddaughter Caroline Anne Mills' baptism. All our love, Nanny & PopPop
- † In memory of Lena Wessinger by Gene & Jane Sexton
- † In memory of June Roof by Tom Roof
- † In memory of Charles Price by Herb Bucknam, Annette Price

Addition to Easter Bulletin:

- † In loving honor of Rebecca Nabors, Love, Mama
- † In loving memory of Maggie & Doc Hite and Ralph V. Sox by Faye Sox

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today* Next Sunday

Mackenzie Burns

Danny Scott

Greeter: Mary Price Alyson Price

Crucifer: Sydney Bucknam Brayden Rutherford

Acolyte: Gable Jolly

Lector: Charlene Corley Terry Swygert

Communion Asst. Bonnie Bouknight Marion Leaphart

Jennifer Miller

Wynne Price Terry Swygert

Flowers Mills Danny Scott

Serving in April

Council Representative: Blake Allen

Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price

Tabulators: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

Serving in May

Council Representative: Sheila Starkey Altar Guild: Ann Addy, Annette Price Tabulators: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick



MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Clifton Addy, home Patricia Bachman, Genero

Patricia Bachman, Generations

Alberta Berry, home

Hazel Bockus, Springdale Home

Lyle Bockus, Springdale Home

Nell Buff, NHC

Becky Koon, Colonial Gardens

Tom Roof, home

*Cyndi Thurman, Prisma Baptist

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy

Jerry Ellisor

Jerry Price III

Kay Bryant

Angie Hydrick

Gene Schofield

Tommy Donaldson Marie Kleckley Jane Sexton James Hallman Jean Shealy Kitty Boulware

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley David Hydrick, family of Angie Hydrick

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb Bucknam

Don Freeman, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jessica Drigger's mother, friend of Denise Thurman

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Dr. Kay Moore, friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

Emma Hunt, grandmother of Laura Carroll

Beth Ellsworth, friend of Kenny Bouknight

David Gosnell, friend of Allison Swygert

Michelle Gross, friend of Regan Anthony

Shirley Duenka, friend of Sheila Starkey

Grayson Crout, friend of Sheila Starkey

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Arthava Tripathi, child friend of Robert & Joye Haygood

Barry Posey, friend of Cyndi Leaphart

Bryan Gross, friend of Regan Anthony

Jackson Kolker, friend of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Steve Kinard, father of Arron Kinard

*Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price

We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

I Thessalonians I:2, NIV



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Blake Allen, Vice President Parker Boulware, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 24th – Baptism: Caroline Anne Mills

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Sunday School – All ages!

Monday, April 25th

6:00 pm CR: Worship & Music Team

Wednesday, April 27th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease)

12:05 pm One Body in Christ (Frank & Bonnie)

Saturday, April 30th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholson) He-Brews Together Dinner