

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

We welcome you this second Sunday of Easter, April 8th, 2018.

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ Congregation Introit

He Is Lord

no. 177

✠ Call to Worship

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

P: **Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

L: Walk in the light of His love.

P: **Live in the light of His teachings and healing mercies.**

L: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

P: **Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.**

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ Praise Hymn

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

no. 462

We Pray Together (Unison):

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ.

Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of Your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In His name, we pray. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Activities — Week of April 8, 2018

Witness: We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Loose change offerings go toward mission projects SPUMC supports.

Offertory

Open Our Eyes

no. 2086

✠ **Doxology**

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

Scripture Reading:

1 John 1: 6, 7 AMP (NT pp. 221, 222)



We Hear God's Word

Anthem

I Have a Song

Parker/Lantz

Message

"God's Divine Tour"

Sermon Text:

1 John 1: 6, 7 AMP (NT pp. 221, 222)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ **Hymn of Invitation**

Trust and Obey

no. 467

✠ **Pass the Peace:**

"The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."