

A small brown and white bird is perched on a branch with pink buds. The background is a soft-focus green. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the image, containing white text.

Second Sunday after Easter

19 April 2026

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PRELUDE & MEDITATION

A close-up photograph of several light pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, with prominent yellow stamens. A single pink bud is visible in the upper right corner. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and brown.

Trio: Elizabeth Koyama-Violin, Tiffany Lee-Violin, Tomasz Pietak-Organ

WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING

Pergolesi Trio Sonata, Presto



OPENING HYMN – CH 2

Joyful, Joyful we adore thee

1.

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the fear and doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2.

All Your works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
stars of morning take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE





SPECIAL PEOPLE



SCRIPTURE READING

1. Peter 1:17 - 23

Read by Louise Pickart

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 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, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and

they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his

glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other,

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 116

Read by Pastor Bekah

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“Lord, save me!”

The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.

For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

I trusted in the Lord when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;

in my alarm I said,

“Everyone is a liar.”

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

Truly I am your servant, Lord;

I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.



SPECIAL MUSIC

They rolled the stone away

Cassandra McConnell-Grujcic , Choir Director



SERMON

A vision of angels

RESPONSIVE HYMN- CH 339

Just as I am, without one plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2. Just as I am, though tossed about,
with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because they promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4. Just as I am, thy love unknown,
hast broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

**OFFERING
&
MEDITATION**



Pergolesi Trio Sonata, Adagio

DOXOLOGY – CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

PRAYERS



Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN – CH 543

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

BLESSING

**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD.**

THANKS BE TO GOD

Amen! אָמֵן

POSTLUDE



Tomasz Pergolesi Trio Sonata, Adagio