

Worship Guide

April 11, 2021: The Second Sunday of Easter



GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

We are people of the twenty-first century,
far removed from the upper room.

We have put away the fancy clothes, the chocolate bunnies of Easter Sunday.

Yet, as an Easter people we still seek the One who offers victory over death,
whose love conquers evil.

We gather to worship the risen Christ,
who offers us new life.

**“Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**

OPENING HYMN: *I Have Been Among Some Good and Gentle People*

CH: I Have Been Among Some Good and Gentle People

I have been among some good and gentle people

I have walked I a strong rolling land

I have sung songs I know I will hear once again

Being sung by some heavenly band

Choose your friends for their power, trade your love for their gold

It seems to be a sign of the times

But some folks remember what neighbors are for

And some of them are neighbors of mine. CH

Building cities of steel, building highways of stone

We've forgotten what this good earth is for

But somewhere there's land still held in God's hand

And some of it lies near my door. CH

I hear talk everyday of a world going wrong

I hear talk of times left behind

But a long summer's nigh, a love lost in song

Is a sound that I hold in my mind. CH

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the resurrection, we gather this morning
as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another
and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen!**

**Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life
in the name of your Son!**

**May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming
be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation
as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

New Testament: Acts 4:32-35

Gospel: John 20:19-31

MESSAGE:

Gene Rouse

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

CLOSING HYMN: May the Light of Love by David Roth

As we come around to take our places at the table,

A moment to remember and reflect upon our wealth

Here's to loving friends and family, here's to being able

To gather here together in good company and health..

May we be released from all those feeling that would harm us

May we have the will to give them up and get them gone

For heavy are the satchels full of anger and false promise

May we have the strength to put them down.

CH: May the light of love be shining deep within your spirit

May the torch of mercy clear the path and show the way

May the horn of plenty sound so everyone can hear it

May the light of love be with you every day.

And may we wish the best for every one that we encounter

May we swallow pride and may we do away with fear

For it's only what we do not know that we have grown afraid of

And only what we do not choose to hear. CH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Go to share your faith and your lives.
Go to proclaim the good news of Easter.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

The Clothing Bin will be open for donations from April 11th-17th

** If you are interested in volunteering at the Clothes Closet or the CUP Café, please see pastor Jen. You can also reach her @ 207-242-2840 or email: jen@centenaryfaith.org

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Free meals for curbside pick up.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Call the church @ 207-474-3915

Leave your name and number of meals

Pick up time is between 5-6PM that evening.]

Next meal is Tuesday, April 13th: Baked Ham, Mashed Potato, and Dessert.