Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers.

* Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: The darkness is gone!
- People: Bright light floods into this new day of hope.
- Leader: Those who went to the tomb received good news.
- People: Christ was not there!
- Leader: Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!
- People: Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!
- ALL: Let us worship God.

HYMN

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord:

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb, and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing. Why must we continue in fear? Why must we be afraid of death even after its defeat? Yes, this is a glorious day of mirth and song, but forgive us when we are quick to forget its Good News. Help us be a people of hope, not just on this day, but all days. Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life that we might turn from sin and be renewed. Eliminate from us the spirit of fear that we might tell this glad story - that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed! This we pray in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Children of Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel: the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave! That which has been dead is alive! No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God! I proclaim to you this day that our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

We gather this Easter season to rejoice in Jesus Christ, the new and living Hope, the One whom no darkness can overcome, the One death cannot destroy. May the light of the risen Christ illumine our hearts and fill us with glory and power, a light undimmed by sin and death, and may we welcome this light of Christ into our lives. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace; Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love. There is a comfort in life's darkest hour; There is light and life, there is help and power In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133

Red Pew Bible OT 575

Pastor Kevin

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity. SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

N *"People of Hope, Part 2: New Doors Open"* Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd *"...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you" -*John 20:19

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Based on a prayer by Rev. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.)

- Leader: Gracious God, Ruler of the Universe, the God who raised Christ from the dead: We live in a world where we are frightened by a thing so small it can't be seen under most microscopes. It's not even an animal or a plant. It's a virus, a mere parasite, dependent on our own living cells to replicate. And yet it has disrupted our schools, cancelled our flights, and challenged our churches to their core. It has consumed the attention of our leading scientists, wrenched our politics out of shape, dominated our conversations, and scared the daylights out of us.
- People: We don't want to get sick. And we don't want to die. We are afraid, O God. Afraid of a microorganism. Afraid of each other.
- Leader: Great and quiet source of peace, quiet our fears. We are wary, uncertain, strung tight. Quiet our fears. Even after all these months, we still have no idea what the future will bring, but we do know you will be in our future to hold us there. We cannot quiet ourselves, O God.
- People: We cannot comfort ourselves, cannot heal ourselves, cannot help ourselves. All we can do is wash our hands and keep our distance.
- Leader: O God, great and quiet source of peace, quiet us, your anxious ones, and let us cling for comfort to your suffering Son, Jesus Christ. Gather us under his wings. Remind us that he suffers with us, but he's also the great physician. In him, let us not be afraid. Please, let us not be afraid. Amen.
- People: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Red Pew Bible NT 115

(The Apostles' Creed)

John 20:19-31

SERMON

A TIME OF GIVING

Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at www.springbranchpres.org/give.

Departing to Serve

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.

Calendar of Events

April 11 — Sunday

- 9:30 am Explorers (FH) 9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
- 9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
- 10:50 am Worship

April 12 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

April 13 — Tuesday

10:00 amFlexercise (GP)11:00 amPastor's Bible Study (Zoom)7:00 pmMission Team Meeting

April 14 — Wednesday

9:30 amPW Circle (Zoom)6:00 pmDrive-Thru WNS: Hot Dogs!

April 15 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP) 12:00 pm PCHAS Luncheon (Zoom)

April 17 — Saturday

10:00 am Virtual PW Spring Gathering

April 18 — Sunday

9:30 am	Explorers (FH)
9:30 am	Saints Under Construction (CR)
9:30 am	Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
10:50 am	Worship

April 19 — Monday

6:00 pm	Faith Development Meeting
6:00 pm	Yoga (GP 1)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

April 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

Flexercise (GP)
Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)
Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

April 22 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

April 24 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals



Sunday School is Still ZOOMING! Beginning Sunday, April 11th at 9:30

We are still in a time when personal choices are made and honored for our personal safety and the safety of our friends and neighbors. To honor and respect your personal choices, your Faith Development Ministry team at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church will offer a ZOOM Sunday morning opportunity beginning this Sunday, April 11th at 9:30am.



We will begin with a series of lessons offered by PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission - *The Things that Make for Peace*. The study focuses on the inner and outer path to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a "dig deeper" section for study through the week.

For those who prefer to study from home on Sunday mornings, please let Carol Davis know by calling (281-725-7830) or by email (<u>caroldavis@entouch.net</u>) to let her know you are interested. She will send a ZOOM invitation for each Sunday gathering.

If you are a pro at Sunday morning ZOOM study, or joining for the first time, all are welcomed.

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/biblestudy/

Announcements & Events

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 14th at 9:30 AM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 8 of *Into the Light*. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Carol Davis at <u>caroldavis@entouch.net</u> to receive a Zoom invitation for both studies. The Lesson 8 video can be viewed at <u>www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light</u>.

Please join us for our next Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00 PM. It's Take Me Out to the Ballgame Night! Jan & Gerald Fitts are making Hot Dogs (please indicate either 1 or 2 per meal) with Chili, Cheese and Onions, Corn Chips, Fruit, Popcorn, Cracker Jacks, and Cookies. Please contact <u>secretary@springbranchpres.org</u> to place your dinner order.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. The 2021 -2022 Scholarship Application can be accessed at the following link: <u>http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-2022-Scholarship-Application.pdf</u>.





Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church Pastor: Administrator: Ministries Coordinator: Administrative Assistant: Music Director: Accompanist: AV Director: Academy Director:

Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd Jorida Vakiari C. Miguel Carlin Ethan Mitchell **Gabriel Perez** Chip Colvin Ethan Mitchell **Renee Henry**

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Neal Dikeman Sarah Dikeman

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Todd Miller Time For Young Disciples: Pastor Kevin Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel PowerPoint: Patty Blome Socially Distant Choir: Patty Blome, Rebecca Castillo, Bob Deutsch, Kyle Eveler, Gary & Laurie Mitchell, Gabe Perez, and Lin Sabala

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