

APRIL 11, 2021



SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

11 AM

**Welcome!** We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you into this new sense of sanctuary – friends joined through Livestream, on Facebook, and at home on TV. We are indeed a community of faith and we are most grateful to still share in fellowship together.

**Next Sunday, April 18**

Return to in-person worship

11 a.m.

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

“Life in the Spirit:

*Practicing Resurrection*”

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

# Love and Child's Play

## 1 John 3:1-3, 16-24

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher G. Palmer  
*Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry*

Rev. David A. Berry  
*Associate Pastor for Mission*

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen  
*Interim Director of Care*

Elder Jon Leisinger  
*Liturgist*

Handbell Ensemble  
Rebecca Holt, Handbell Director

Kate Hamori, Soprano

Dr. Michelle Louer, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Dawn Waddell, Guest Organist

Dr. John Allegar, Organist & Assistant Director of Music and Fine Arts

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

Kevin Lin, Violin (Concertmaster ISO)  
Stephen Hawkey, Cello (ISO)

Sonata for Violin and Cello

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

I. Allégro

II. Très vif

III. Lent

IV. Vif, avec entrain

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# April 11, 2021—Second Sunday of Easter

## We Come Together as God's People

### Prelude

*Alleluya: Festal Postlude on the tune "Lasst uns erfreuen"*  
Dawn Waddell, guest organist

William Faulkes  
(1863-1933)

### Welcome

Rev. Christopher G. Palmer

### \* Call to Worship

Rev. David A. Berry and Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

One: This is the news that we will recite to our children,  
the truth that we will sing with all our heart, soul, and might —

*All: Christ, our Brother, is Risen!*

One: This is what we will parade through the streets,  
the seal that we will fix upon our gates and on our doorposts

*All: Christ, our Joy, is Risen!*

One: This is the hope of those living through their last days,  
the light shining on all who feel forgotten —

*All: Christ, our Healer, is Risen!*

One: These are the words that call us together, the promise made perfect in praise

*All: Christ, our Lord, is Risen! Alleluia!*

### \* Prayer of Adoration

Rev. David A. Berry

\* Opening Hymn #108

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing.  
 2. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high,  
 3. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war,

The cross stands emp - ty to the sky.  
 Un - touched, un - moved by hu - man pains,  
 Where col - or, scorn, or wealth di - vide,

Let streets and homes with prais - es ring.  
 But dail - y, in the midst of life,  
 Christ suf - fers still, yet loves the more,

Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 Our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.  
 And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

**Call to Confession**

**Silent Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gentle Savior,  
 for too long we have relied on our own strength.  
 We have pretended to be self-sufficient.  
 We have not allowed you to show us mercy,  
 trusting instead in our own merit.  
 Foolishly, we have tried to control our own destiny.

Give us grace,  
 that we may better live with uncertainty,  
 cultivate trust in our neighbors,  
 learn to love the marginalized,  
 and live true and blessed lives —  
 all for Your glory. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

\* Response of Praise

TRURO

Christ is a - live, and comes to bring  
 Good news to this and ev - ery age,  
 Till earth and sky and o - cean ring  
 With joy, with ju - stice, love, and praise.

\* Passing of the Peace

We Experience God's Word

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Response to the Word

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

*Arise, My Love, and Come Away*

Kate Hamori, soprano

Elder Jon Leisinger

Don Michael Dicie  
 (b. 1941)

Arise, my love, and come away,  
 for winter is past, winter is past.  
 The light of heaven shines in our hearts,  
 the rain is over and gone.  
 The flowers adorn the bright new earth,  
 new blossoms appear, new blossoms appear.  
 The songs of doves are heard in our land,  
 Their joyful music abounds.  
 The blossoms reach out, reach out to the sun,  
 Heaven and earth lift up their voice,  
 Arise! Arise!  
 Arise, my love, my beautiful one,  
 and come away, come away.  
 The light of heaven shines in our hearts,  
 The rain is over and gone.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

—Song of Solomon 2:10-13 (alt. Don Michael Dicie)

Second Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-3, 16-24

Sermon

Rev. Christopher G. Palmer

## **“Love and Child’s Play”**

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.”*  
(1 JOHN 3:1)

Moment of Silent Meditation

## **We Give Thanks to God**

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from Scots Confession)

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

**This is what we believe:**

**We know for sure that it was impossible for the sadness of death to trap the Creator of life.**

**Our Lord Jesus was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He went below to those who had died and rescued all who lived in fear.**

**But the stone of his tomb was rolled away. Christ rose for our deliverance and for the entire world.**

**We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of both his enemies and friends.**

**Graves were opened, lives were changed, and hope was restored.**

**His resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of angels,  
by his followers, and others who saw him.**

**People even ate dinner with him after he was raised.**

**I don’t have to be afraid because Jesus rose for you and for me.**

**Though bad things happen, God will never leave us.**

**Just like the air that fills our chests, Jesus lives inside us.**

**He gives us hands to serve and hearts to love – just like he did.**

**We expect to see miracles because Jesus is with us.**

**We expect to see graves opened, lives changed, and hope restored.**

**Jesus loves our world.**

**He will change it for the better, and because he loves me, I am ready to play my part.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

*My Heart Rejoices*  
Handbell Ensemble  
Rebecca Holt, Director

Derek K. Hakes

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

We Go Forth to Serve

\* Closing Hymn #104

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.

\* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Carillon, Op. 31, No. 21*  
 Dawn Waddell, guest organist

Louis Vierne  
 (1870-1937)

**HOW TO STAY CONNECTED ON SUNDAY**  
(and all other days of the week!)

# How To Join Us Online

Our fellowship and our traditions are not isolated to one building, one gathering, one Sunday. Your emails, your phone calls, your Facebook posts, and your outreach underscore the strength of our roots and our desire to keep in close touch. You can email us at [Together@SecondChurch.org](mailto:Together@SecondChurch.org) if we can help you stay connected!

Stream our services live:

- [SecondChurch.org/Live](https://www.SecondChurch.org/Live)
- [Facebook.com/SecondChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SecondChurch)
- Roku and AppleTV

Watch the services or sermons On Demand:

- [YouTube.com/SecondChurch](https://www.YouTube.com/SecondChurch)
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## #HOLDINGFAITHTOGETHER

If you join us on Facebook, be sure to join the congregation by commenting or posting a photo of *your* sanctuary -- home or wherever you may be! Add the hashtag **#holdingfaithtogether** and **#secondpresindy** so we can all share in our special fellowship together. Also, if you have not done so already, please follow us on Facebook by visiting [Facebook.com/SecondChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SecondChurch) and selecting "Follow" under the banner image.

## GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT



As we give, we fulfill a deep truth of our identity and purpose as children of God. Because giving is what we were created to do, being generous brings great joy to all who engage with the gifts we have been given. Thank you for so generously sharing your gifts among one another, and throughout this welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives. Visit [SecondChurch.org/Give](https://www.SecondChurch.org/Give) to learn more.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER



We are here to join with you in prayer. How can we support you? To engage with one of our pastors, fill out a **Prayer Request Form** at [SecondChurch.org/Prayer](https://www.SecondChurch.org/Prayer) and we'll be in touch shortly.