The Worship of God

 Second Sunday of Easter

 April 8, 2018

Music for Gathering Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle Carter Bland

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Responsive Call to Worship Terri Vancil

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**God has given us new life and hope.**

God has raised Jesus from the dead.

**God has claimed us as his own.**

God has brought us out of darkness,

**and has made us light to the world.**

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†Hymn of Praise 247 Lancashire

The Day of Resurrection

†Words of Friendship Christina McCord

As we greet one another children may gather with Christina on the platform steps.

A Time for Children Christina McCord

After the children’s message, children, ages four through first grade may attend **Junior Church** and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Congregational Verse Ancient Words





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Opening of God’s Word Patrick Whitehead

Prayers of God’s People Sarah Parker

Scripture Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry

 John 20:19-31

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

 For Those Who Missed the Miracle

†Hymn 254 Ode to Joy

 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Musical Interlude

The Lord’s Supper

Communion Hymn 240 Alleluia No. 1

 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Offertory Prayer David Angel, deacon

Musical Offering Jeff Cranfill

 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

 Instrumental Ensemble, Keith Burroughs *director*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God

in memory of **Cecil and Edna Williams**

by Archie Williams

**Guests** are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.

