

Christ United Methodist Church

April 12th, 2015
2nd Sunday of Easter Day

We Gather for Worship

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

Sharing of Events and Ministries

Invitation to Encounter the Holy

Prelude

Call to Worship

Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ

Praise God for loosening the chains of sin

Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ

Praise God for breaking the bonds of death

Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ

Praise God for releasing the forces of love

All Let us join with God's people everywhere and praise Jesus Christ the Lord

Hymn # 304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Invocation

O Christ, whose birth means nothing unless we be born of love, whose life means nothing unless we live for God, whose death means nothing unless we die unto self, and whose resurrection means nothing unless we rise unto newness of life, we praise your holy name. Let our lips utter no desire that does not proceed from a committed heart. And let our mouths express no thought that does not spring from a faithful spirit.

We Proclaim God's Word

Reading the Sacred Text

Acts 4:32-35

Interpreting the Sacred Text

"The Radical Church"

Litany

The company of believers is of one heart and mind.

With great power they witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

They do not hoard possessions, but distribute to each according to need.

With great power they witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

They do not clamor for recognition, but outdo one another in showing honor.

With great power they witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

They do not stand in awe of the rich, but they go the second mile for the lowly.

With great power they witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

They pay the earthly powers their dues, but they obey God rather than rulers.

With great power they witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

They are too strong to abuse their freedom, yet they are too mindful of the weak to indulge their strength

All How good and pleasant it is when disciples, like Christ, please not self but God.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering our Prayer

Sharing Our Prayer

Time of Silent and Personal Prayer

Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Offering Prayer

Holy One, how gracious you have been in your gifts to us!

Bless these, our gifts to you.

May our lives embody your love for us, that we may be united as your people.

We are Sent Forth

Hymn# 707

"Hymn of Promise"

Blessing

O God, as you have brought us together to think the thoughts of Christ,

Send us forth to do the deeds of Christ.

Let the affections of our hearts,

And the deeds of our hands,

Proclaim our devotion to you and our love for one another

Postlude (Music that sends us for, please remain seated until the music is concluded.)