



# Service for the Lord's Day

April 24, 2022 11:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



**New to Hunter?** Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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Prelude Chorale-Prelude on "Jesus Christ, Our Savior" BuxWV 198 Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Once again we gather.

**Once again we come seeking Your Presence.**

Draw us near through Your Spirit. Make us new again by Your Grace.

**Touch us, name us and claim us again as Your own through the power of Your Love.**

\*Hymn

"Come Now, Lord and Stand Among Us"

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Tune: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(Hymn to Joy)

**Come now Lord and stand among us, hear us as we cry to you.**

**Teach us how to bring petitions, teach us how to listen, too.**

**As we raise our hearts in Your Presence, hear, O Lord, our heartfelt prayer.**

**Linger now in our deep places, Bless us here and everywhere.**

**Prayer is such a gift, O Father, speaking with You heart to heart.**

**May our prayers here draw us closer, So we nevermore shall part.**

**Give us words and give us courage, boldly now to raise our pleas.**

**Do not let us shirk our duty, hesitate or take our ease.**

**Praying is the heart's true treasure, Praying is our deepest peace.**

**When we come with words o'er flowing, Grace and mercy never cease.**

**Prayer and praising, Words never ending, heartfelt cries lifted above;**

**Hear us, Lord, our prayers unfolding, growing in Your Holy love.**

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, sometimes darkness rises in us and we fear, we are overcome, we lose our way. Our hearts freeze within us and we don't know where to turn. In moments like these reminds us again that You are near, that You reign, that salvation is sure, that we are made new in Jesus Christ. Come Lord, resurrect our faith in You.**

**Holy Presence, Reigning God, make You light shine on us. Open our eyes. Baptize our hearts, quicken Your Spirit within us. As we go forth into this day, may we carry the light of Christ into the world, banishing shadows and illumining Your Presence, for Yours truly is the kingdom, the power and glory now and forever. Amen.**

*(moment for silent reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #583

"Glory to God"

GLORIA

(sing thru 2x, once in English, once in Latin)

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## HEARING THE WORD

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Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament                      Hebrews 11:1-3    (N.T., p. 225)

Reading from the New Testament                      John 20:19-31    (N.T., p. 115)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Message    "Where Faith Begins"    Ray Mendenhall

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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Choral Anthem    "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"    CWM RHONDDA  
arr. James Kirkby

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings (with Hunger Offering)

Offertory    "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"    arr. Anthony Burger

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

\*Hymn 643    "Now Thank We All Our God"    NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn 587    "Alleluia!"    CELTIC ALLELUIA

Postlude    Fantasy on "Jesus Shall Reign"    arr. Robert F. Swift

Depart in Peace

\*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## Sunday Announcements

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A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Our liturgist today is: **Mike Hudson**

### Prayer Requests

**Prayers for:** The family of Martha Alexander, the family of Charlie Allen, Mary Rowland (client of Marianne Griffith's), Danny Waggoner (brother-in-law of Kevin's friend, Mike Cooper), Judi Ison (friend of the Lockhart's), the people of Ukraine, Beth Webster (Joyce Abbott's nephew's wife), Lori Taylor (a friend of Lynn Davis' who is battling cancer) and Rue Wallace.

**This prayer request was posted by the community** on the whiteboard in front of the church:

- Pray for the Congo.

**If you ordered Easter flowers** and haven't picked them up yet, please do so after the service today. Joyce Abbott has kindly agreed to plant whatever flowers are left in the sanctuary after the service today in Hunter's courtyard so they can be enjoyed by all.

**The next Unity Garden work day** is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to noon to add cardboard then wood mulch to the walking path within the native plant area.

**May 3rd is the Annual BUILD** Nehemiah Action Assembly which needs as many people as possible to attend to truly do more justice in Lexington. The event will be at the Central Bank Center (430 W. Vine St) and doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the event starting at 7 p.m.

**May 7th is World Labyrinth Day** so at 1 p.m. feel free to meet at Hunter Presbyterian's labyrinth to "Walk as one at one". People all around the world will be walking on the various labyrinths at 1 p.m. in their time zone. There is also a new Labyrinth at the Wellington Park (Reynolds Road) here in Lexington which is now done and ready to also have a May 7th celebration at 1 p.m.

**There will be a memorial service** for Martha Alexander here at Hunter on Tuesday, May 24 at 11:00a.m.

**If you would like to talk with Ray Mendenhall**, he can be reached at 859-940-1735 or you can email him at: [wmend@gmail.com](mailto:wmend@gmail.com).

**Thank you to those who shared** in leading today's service: Larry Brandenburg, Allen Fletcher, Mike Hudson and Val Zeps.

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