

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021 ~ 10:30 a.m.

## The Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gathering Around the Word

HYMN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Though we find ourselves isolated  
in homes, apartments, and residential places,  
**yet, we would listen to the birds singing,  
reminding us that the whole creation  
rejoices in the love of our God.**

Though we cannot reach out and touch  
our friends and neighbors,  
**we would rejoice that Jesus is in our midst,  
holding out hands of grace and hope to us!**

Though we have to stand at a safe distance  
from others, whispering hello through masks,  
**we know that the Spirit is all around us,  
breathing peace on us in these moments,  
surrounding us with grace and hope.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Like those disciples of long ago, we are filled with uncertainty, wondering what the next piece of news will bring, what awaits us today, tonight, tomorrow. Let us confess how hard it is to believe in the resurrection life and hope offered to us, by the One who offers us peace and healing, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

**Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

**Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER ["Sins"]

SPECIAL MUSIC

### **The Word**

SCRIPTURE  
SERMON

John 20:19-31  
"Lockdown."

### **Responding to the Word**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Please mail any offering or tithe to the following address:

**Fleming Road UCC**  
Attn: Ron Alcoke  
691 Fleming Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45231

**Prayer of Dedication/Offering**

*May the gifts we offer be used to open doors closed to strangers and hearts frozen by fears of the unknown. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

### **Sending the Word**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Homework: What has been “locked up” for you in this season? How has Jesus come through the walls of your life? How has God’s Spirit “breathed” on you? What does it mean to know that God’s love pursues us and breaks down walls?*