***TAKING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD***

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 250** “In the Bulb There is a Flower” Promise

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Now Go Forth” Butler

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE** “Voluntary In D” John Alcock

\*Everyone who is able may stand

 **Bold lettering** is to be read responsively by the congregation

***Bold lettering that is italicized*** is to be sung by the congregation

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**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

***Second Sunday of Easter***

**April 8, 2018 11:00 AM**

**PRELUDE** “Felix Namque” Plainsong

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***WE APPROACH GOD***

**CHORAL INTROIT** “Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” Saint-Saens

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

 When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples,

 he said to them: “Peace be with you.”

 **How good and pleasant it is**

 **when we dwell together in unity.**

Then he breathed upon them,

 And said: “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

 **Like the oil of the shepherd**

 **anointing our head,**

 **the blessing of the Lord.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 254** “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” Puer Nobis Nasciter

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

 **Holy God, you have shown yourself to us, by Word and Spirit,**

 **with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet, we still**

 **struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.**

(Silent Prayer)

 **Lord, have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter our lives and cast**

 **out our fear, so that we may come to trust in you and have**

 **life, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*A WORD OF ASSURANCE**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE** Judas Maccabeus

**Jesus is risen, alleluias sing!**

**gone is fear and doubting**

**words of peace to bring;**

**thanks for the great mercy**

**of the Father God,**

**who, by raising Jesus,**

**gives us living hope;**

**glory and honour to our Saviour Christ,**

**for the wondrous promise of eternal life.**

***WE HEAR GOD’S WORD***

**GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** Mark Smith

*(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age may be excused to child care)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

 **God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit**

 **Enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes,**

 **And to touch with our hands, your Word of life**

 **Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE NO. 397** “O Look and Wonder” How Very Good

 Psalm 133

**CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:19-31 NT 115The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Peace Be With You” Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER** “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**send us your Spirit of peace**

**RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory Anthem “He is Exalted” Paris

\*Offertory Response “Old Hundredth” Louis Bourgeois

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**