

April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Trumpet Tune Jeremiah Clarke

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #187 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Thine Is The Glory*

Call to Worship

One: God is our strength and our salvation;
Let everything that breathes praise God!

All: This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant
love. Praise God for loving care and answered
prayers.

All: We will give thanks this day, for God is good.
The steadfast love of God endures forever.

One: In God's hands we find new life, strength, and
salvation.

All: We are witnesses to the God who acts.
We are here to offer our worship and praise.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

O Risen Christ, may this day and every day begin with
our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to
your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our
hearts to receive your saving gifts. Open our lives to let
your peace enter in. Be with us this day, we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a
relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or
irrelevant. By our inattention, we have rejected you and
the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by
fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a
sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment

and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days
you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of
your presence and to witness with joy to our Leader
and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent
confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and
grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 150

(Page 717 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Early Church – Acts 5:27-32

(Page 148 NT in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** #193 *Thine Is The Glory* (verses 1 & 2)

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table,
renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened
by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to
receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we
pray.

***Hymn:** #193 *Thine Is The Glory* (verses 3)

*(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion
Group)*

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*
Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above,
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

(Page 140 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Peace Be With You"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Response: *Thine Is The Glory*

***Hymn:** #12 (Supplement) *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Benediction

Postlude: Prelude in C# Minor Sergei Rachmaninoff
(* Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and
fellowship following worship. Our host today is the
LaPier Family.*

*We welcome guest pianist Alden Prichard, a junior at The
Hotchkiss School.*

Our ushers today are Bob Weber & Kevin Wolgemuth.
Our Lay Reader today is Carol Magowan.

Prayer List

*Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellog, Barbara
Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson,
Nancy Smith, family and friends of Dick Dwelley.*

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:15 am Christian Action 11:30 am Board of Trustees 2:00 pm Worship at Noble Horizons
Monday	3:30 pm SOAR Fencing in the Parish Hall 6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat 10 am Scoville Memorial Library's Literary Series in the Parish Hall 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study "Zentangles" 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday	8 am Men's Bible Study

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Mark your calendar for Handel's Messiah on Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 pm. Featuring a festival chorus of fifty singers including: our senior choir; the Norfolk Congregational Church choir; singers from Western Connecticut State University; four wonderful professional soloists and members of the Salisbury Sinfonietta, presenting the Easter section of Messiah and Bach's Easter Cantata #85 entitled "I am the Good Shepherd."

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open. Take a look at the many great offerings by visiting: www.silverlake.ctucc.org. Brochures can also be found on the Opportunity Table in the Parish Hall. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Diane.

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