

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SABBATH
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022

10:00 AM

"We are always putting the pieces together without knowing the picture ahead of time."
Rachel Naomi Remen M.D.

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL GREETING

PRELUDE

At the Rising of the Sun - David Paxton

Norman McFarlane, organist

*INVITATION

One: Doors slam shut, families are divided, friendships are severed.

All: Jobs are lost, love is rejected, nations go to war.

One: Still, God calls us to live with all of our heart and soul:

All: Wounded and whole, anxious and courageous, uncertain and confident.

One: And though it may appear that life as you know it has ended,

All: Where hearts and minds are open, Love will find a way.

*GATHERING HYMN NO. 229 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Sarah Pradhan

SUNG RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine

CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR KALEIDOSCOPE CORNER

ANTHEM

Needs

Brita Gotberg & Denny Moon

Refrain:

I've got all I need you say
That's a lie and it ain't true,
Think of all you need today,
You need me and I need you.

SCRIPTURE

One: As we hear the words of scripture,

All: Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

John 20:19-31

One: The grass withers and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of God shall stand forever.

*HYMN NO. 506

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

SERMON

“Piecing the Puzzle Together”

Rev. Denny Moon

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBTS)

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 233**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

There are a thousand ways to live into our commitment to this community, as our benediction reminds us. If you’re able to make a donation, there’s a collection plate when you leave the sanctuary. If you are not, your presence here is a gift in and of itself—thank you for being a part of us today. Please join us in the benediction.

BENEDICTION

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God,
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

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Today’s Anthem:

“Needs” was written for a Jr. High Church camp curriculum on “Bible Heroes” in the summer of 1972. My intention was to show that the heroes in the Bible weren’t Lone Rangers, but needed others to help them. It was one of the first songs I ever wrote and rose on the charts of the “summer church camp circuit” in my denomination at that time. (ha-ha) Denny