

Order of Worship for April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
Virtual Worship



“Nail Mark” by Li Wei San

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Call to Worship (from *Ministry Matters*)

One: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Invitation to Confession (written by Thom Shuman)

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away,
we have no need to confess.

But God comes into our hearts when we least expect,
so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace.

Please join me as we pray, saying,

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**God of empty tombs and empty people:
when we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us voice.**

**When we find it difficult to love another,
forgive us, and give us new compassion.**

**When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.**

**When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,
forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.**

**When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (spoken in unison):

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

Gloria Patri

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

Children's Message

Sermon: "Wounded Healer"

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Passing of the Peace (stretch your hands toward your screen if you're on video, praying God's peace on the assembly.)

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Offertory: "Wounded Healer" -Audrey Assad

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our time of prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

Blessing and Benediction

The space will remain open for conversation and catching up in our "virtual coffee hour."

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Prayer for Illumination, and Statement of Faith are by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Announcements

Lenten Prayer Wall: A beautiful prayer wall art project has been installed in front of the sanctuary for us to weave together our prayers as a community. Woven together, our prayers form the shape of an ampersand, an ancient symbol that, used here, represents God's holy "and" as we spend this season reflecting on our Lenten theme of "Again & Again." We invite you to come to the sanctuary at any time and add your prayers to our wall, as many prayers as you need, returning as often as you wish. Prayer strips and a pen are available by the prayer wall. On a prayer strip, write a word or phrase to represent your prayer to God. Then weave it inside the ampersand shape, adding it to the prayers of our larger community. Many thanks to Jen Moore Smith and Andrew Smith for crafting and installing our prayer wall!

Virtual Harp Concert by Martha Gallagher - Sunday April 11, 7:30pm: There have been many positive responses to the Lenten harp preludes offered by UCC minister and harpist Martha Gallagher. She is offering a spring concert this evening on YouTube. She writes: Brothers and Sisters~ I am offering a virtual concert coming up this Sunday, April 11 at 7:30 PM EDT. It is a YouTube Premiere.

People wishing to attend can make reservations at www.adkharper.com; that way they will receive the link for the concert. The Concert is free for all, no matter anyone's current financial situation. It will be a delightful concert of music and musings. From tea towel inspirations to a cemetery in Wales, from MLB opening day to a sing along at a small winery to blessing each precious day, songs and stories abound. My husband, guitarist Dennis Gallagher will make a special guest appearance.