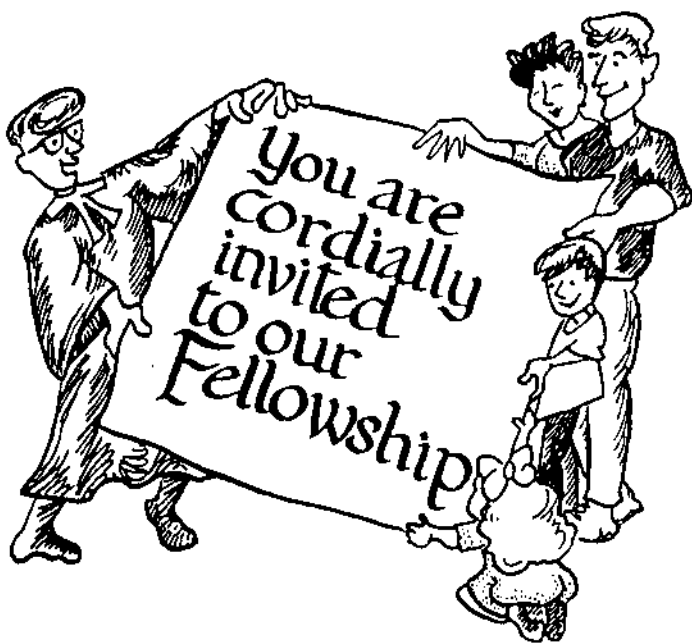


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2001

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns: New Century Hymnal and the Pilgrim Hymnal, as indicated.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the one who enters in the name of the Lord.

People: We bless you from the house of God.

Leader: The Lord is God and he has given us light.

People: Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN, NO. 345 (PH) "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:1-2, 7-12

ANTHEM (Text at Hymn No. 269, NCH)

"Sweet Delight, Most Lovely"

Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY "Sinfonia" Cantata, No. 116 Bach

*DOXOLOGY (In unison)

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choir

***HYMN, NO. 245 (PH)**

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

Inviting Spirit

***HYMN, NO. 286 (NCH)**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL DISMISSAL**

Choir

***POSTLUDE**

"Allegro" Sonata, No. 4

Handel

*All who are able, please stand.

Please remain in the sanctuary for a Congregational Meeting for
The purpose of acting on the Summer Interim Pastor and Internship Min-
istries. The Nominating Committee will also be bringing the name of John
Burlinson as delegate to the South Central Conference Annual Meeting.

WELCOME VISITORS! We're glad you came today, and would appreciate
your signing the visitor's card from the pew and dropping it in the offering
plate when passed. We invite you to join us for our time of fellowship in the
room adjacent to the sanctuary following the worship service.

Meeting Notices

Today, 12:20 pm - Board of Christian Education

Next Sunday, April 29

12:20 pm - Building & Grounds Committee

Deacons Fund Offering will be received today for the purpose of assisting a family from the Congo, brought to the city by Austin Area Interreligious Ministries, but without church sponsorship.

GOOD NEWS

Starting on the first Sunday in May, you won't have to search for a parking place. We now have 25 parking spaces *every Sunday* set aside for the use of members and friends coming to worship at our church.

The parking lot is on Nueces, just one block west of the church, between 23rd and 24th Street. The simplest way to get to it is to drive on 24th Street to Nueces and turn south. The lot will be on your right.

Our spaces will be the 25 closest to 23rd Street (and to our church), *and will be so designated.* (Watch for a new sign.) To assure that these spaces are reserved for us, they will be monitored. Vic Appel has prepared placards to identify church goers' vehicles. Pick up a placard at church and keep in your car. Then, when you park on Sunday, simply put the placard on top of your dashboard so it can be seen through the windshield.

Information about the **2-part Luncheon Services** on Wednesdays, April 25 and May 2, at Seton Cove is available on the credenza. This series, to be led by Interim Pastor Richard Thompson, will be on "Spirituality and the Media." Seton Cove, located at 3708 Crawford Street, is a spirituality Center associated with the Seton Medical Center.

Devotional Guidelines, *These Days* and *The Upper Room*, April - June, are available from the credenza in the fellowship room.

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