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2nd Sunday of Easter

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Greeting

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Message: *Behind Locked Doors*

John 20:19-31

*Confession & Creed

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the
happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have
the last laugh in this world when you restore your Creation.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted, Robert M. Thompson)

WE RESPOND

Called to Pray

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, transform these gifts, given with love, into echoes of
grace, delighting all who receive their blessings. Through the giddy
power of your Holy Spirit, may our lives speak of a Still Laughing God,
full of Easter surprises. Amen.**

WE SERVE

Benediction

Hymn of Joy: *Because He Lives*

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*Please stand in body or spirit

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1 John 1.3-4 (MSG)

April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

Fools for Christ

2nd Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER

***Gathering Music:** *Christ Is Risen* 307

Greeting

Call to Worship

We come into the presence of a God we can neither see nor touch,
yet a God we can sense.

We are fools for Christ's sake.

We come in the name of Jesus, whose beauty we cannot explain
or capture but know intimately.

We are fools for Christ's sake.

We come to hear from a book, words and stories that are ancient,
and yet ever new.

We are fools for Christ's sake.

We live in a world whose economy is based on keeping,
yet in this place we are invited to give.

We are fools for Christ's sake.

We come, leaving behind all the busy-ness of our lives.

We come here to worship.

We are fools for Christ's sake.

*Opening Prayer

Lord of Resurrection Surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of
Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief and exchange them for strong
witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage. Challenge us
to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading
and guiding our steps. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *The Lord of the Dance* (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5) 261

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