



SEMINARY CHURCH

285 Seminary Street Roanoke, In 46783

2nd Sunday after Easter

April 18th 2021

Pastor: Keith Schreffler

Prelude

Polly Carroll

Welcome

Brooke Branyan

Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we pray for your Spirit to come upon us in this hour of worship. Speak to us this morning in the music we sing, in the Scriptures we read and in the message we hear. May we sense your guiding hand resting on our shoulders, nudging us to listen attentively and then take the Good News of Jesus Christ outside of these walls to those who have not yet come to know you!

(Written by: KRS)

*Congregational Hymn "Because He Lives" #364

Polly Carroll

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives. (Refrain)

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Congregational Hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord" #328 Polly Carroll

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Offering

Pastoral Prayer / 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Congregational Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" #393 Polly Carroll

Spirit of The Living God, Fall Afresh on Me.
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Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me,
Spirit of The Living God, Fall Afresh On Me

Epistle Reading Acts 1:1-5 NIV

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one

occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:
"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:11-15 NIV

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "*You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'* If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So, the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

L. *The Word of God for the People of God*
All: **Thanks be to God !**

Teaching Moment "How Do We Know?" Pastor Keith

Benediction

*Praise Hymn "What a Mighty God We Serve" Praise Team

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