

April 26th & 27th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit. Help us to sing the good news of the resurrection to those we encounter. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to proclaim with boldness your love for all people. Open and prepare the heart of the pastor you will call to serve us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Thank you for the beauty of the world you have given us. Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, especially Sue, Lester, Pastor Julie, all who mourn the death of Lorraine Steines, and those we name silently or aloud. *(Pause for about 10 seconds.)* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.