



Second Sunday of Easter

# The Scars Remain

John 20:19-29



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**United Church of Christ Congregational**  
**Spearfish, South Dakota**



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April 12, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME to our service today. We hope you find this time of worship meaningful and uplifting and will join us again soon. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

**\*All who are able may stand.**

**Please wear your nametags & turn off your cell phones.**

**Prelude**

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

**\*Choral Call  
to Worship**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**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 angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

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**People: We have been born anew to an inheritance that in imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.**

Liturgist: Though we have not seen the risen Christ, we love Him; and though we do not see him now, we believe in Him;

**People: We rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for we are receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship our God!

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

\*Hymn                      *Christ Has Risen*              FWS No. 2115

**Invocation (unison)**

**Risen Christ, we come to this place expectant. In a world of uncertainty – a world scarred by violence in all its forms – we gather with hope. For, as You entered the door of the upper room and spoke, Your words continue to speak to us, “Peace be with you.” Peace in a world that has often succumbed to violence, peace among people who have often doubted and denied, peace in hearts that have know both bitter pain and love – hearts that, though hard, You are softening with Your grace. “Peace be with you.” Peace, because You are in this place. Peace, because**

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**in You, we are made whole. Peace though, like You, Jesus, we carry scars that speak to the struggle that brings new life. We do so believing, though we have not seen. We do so ready to receive, ready to forgive ourselves and others, and ready to grow into the people, the church, and the community You are calling us to be, empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful stewards of the resources You have given. Now and forever, we pray. Amen.**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Pg. 883**

**\*Unison Response**    **Glory to the Creator**

**No. 759**

**Glory to the Creator**

**The Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Welcome and Opportunities**

**Call to Prayer**

**FWS No. 2193**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayer of Our Savior  
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.**

### **Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

Liturgist: God has made known to us the ways of life – generosity, love, joy, peace.... Faithful stewardship is one of the beautiful freedoms made possible by God’s gracious gifts to us. We have good news for all who are disbelieving and wondering. We have resources to share in the proclamation of our resurrection faith. Let us dedicate ourselves to living in anticipation of sharing not just what we have, but who we are. Thanks be to God!

**Offertory**

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

**\*A Doxology**

*Praise God*

No. 780

**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.**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Thank You, God, for accepting us in ways that we had not even accepted ourselves. We want to live as faithful stewards and do what is right and good, spreading generosity, love, joy, and peace. Receive, we pray, our time and effort as well as these financial resources, that Your message of new and abundant life might be spread throughout our community and into the whole world. Inspire all of us to seek, above all else, to do Your will and accomplish Your purposes. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen and amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Community of Christ*

No. 314

**Prayer of Illumination (unison)**

**Risen Christ, You are present with us today. Speak to us now, we pray, through Your Word. We ask that You would open our hearts and minds to hear, and our hands and feet to follow. We ask that in our hearing and meditation we would be discerning and that our discernment would lead to wisdom – to a living into and out of Your Word. Incline us toward Your truth, and allow Your Word to come alive in us. By Your great mercy, we pray. Amen.**

**Psalter Reading**      Psalm 116: 1-10, 12 & 14 (NRSV)

Liturgist: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People: Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

Liturgist: The snares of death encompassed me, the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**People: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save me.”**

Liturgist: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**People: The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.**

Liturgist: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**People: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

Liturgist: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**People: I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”**

Liturgist: What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

**People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.**

**Scripture**                      John 20:19-29

**Sermon**                      *The Scars Remain*                      Todd Jones



# ~ APRIL 2026 CALENDAR ~

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship Deacons meeting</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra Practice</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4/15</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>4/16</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra Practice</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/19</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4/21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/26</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4/28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>



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