

 The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"Jerusalem"
Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

For you, who thirst for grace or hunger for justice—

Christ is risen!

For you, who long for love and belonging—

Christ is risen!

For you, who are cautious and skeptical—

Christ is risen!

For you, who feel like a stranger in a strange land—

Christ is risen!

For you, who call this place—home, this community—family—

Christ is risen!

Indeed, Christ is risen!

And we have come to worship the risen Christ.

*SONG OF WORSHIP

"In Loving Partnership" *Insert*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Resurrecting God—

Long ago, in the fullness of love,
you came to earth in Christ Jesus, your living Word.

**Here and now, in a culture where
winning and war,**

**destruction and division,
cruelty and callousness**

**are accepted and normalized,
the fullness of your love seems like a fantasy.**

You call us to be different—

**to be people of resurrection,
who embody your love in the world.**

But how, O God?

How can love prevail?

Sometimes it feels naïve to trust

that your love can heal and make whole

all that is broken around us.

Sometimes it is difficult to believe

that our small acts of love can make a difference.

**Sometimes the work of love feels too hard to sustain,
and the pull of apathy feels too strong to resist.**

A brief moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

We come as we are into your presence,

longing to be renewed

through the fullness of your love

so we that we may live

as resurrection people, here and now.

In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"A Gaelic Blessing"
Sanctuary Choir

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As forgiven people, we share a sign of Christ's peace—
a peace that reconciles and makes whole.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.

You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Let Us Be Known" *Insert*

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SCRIPTURE & SERMON

1 Peter 1:13-22

"Resurrection People"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#147 "Praise God from Whom..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"In Christ There is No East or West" *Insert*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

My friends, may you grow in grace,

and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace,

and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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*POSTLUDE

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Rowland W. Prichard, arr. by Harold DeCou

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**

Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

STAY CONNECTED

Scan the QR code to view our weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) where you'll find upcoming events, announcements, and opportunities to sign up and get involved.



INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?

Please email Rachel at rachel@2refpella.org to sign up to receive SRC's weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) and other important announcements.

CURIOUS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP? Take A Second Look.

Join us for *A Second Look*, a brief gathering that takes a look at membership and ministry at Second. This discovery gathering meets today, Sunday, April 19 after worship, finishing at 11:45AM in room 103 (the library).

PREFER TO GIVE ONLINE?

Secure online giving is now available through our financial record-keeping program (Aplos) and its payment processing provider (Stripe). You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Access SRC's online giving page using this QR code or by going to <https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/SecondReformedChurch/General>.



Thank you for your generous support of SRC's mission!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 19, 2026

TODAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am A Second Look New Member Gathering (Room 103)
- 11:45 am Pizza Lunch

TUESDAY

- 8:00 am Men's Group
- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation
- 6:30 pm Crafting in Community

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Handbell Choir

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Next Week: Cyndi Atkins, Lee & Helen Luhrs

Nursery: Neriah Hardeman, Annie Foskett
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Next Week: Julia Tjeerdsma

Barista: Kathy Thompson
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Second Reformed Church

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 - 9:45 am

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TUNE: CANONBURY #32

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with truthful word and faithful deed.**

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In ev'ry word in ev'ry deed honor the One.
Let our light shine in ev'ry place.
Let us be known by our love.

CHORUS

God, we give you all the glory.
God, we give you all the praise.
God, we give you all the honor.
May you be known by our love.

**Let us be known by our peace.
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**“In Christ There is No East or West”
TUNE: MCKEE #600**

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
that spans the whole wide earth.**

**For Christ once hung upon the cross,
his arms stretched out in love,
to bring all people far and wide
into the fold of God.**

**In Christ our God has made us one
from east, west, south, and north;
and through the Spirit’s work in us,
we answer the call to go forth.**

**With Christ we know that death is dead
and sin will not prevail;
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**In Christ there are no barriers
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