



**Strathmore United Church**  
*"With Great Power: Dancing Together"*  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021**

**Welcome and announcements:**

**GATHERING OUR STRENGTH**

**♪♪ Hymn:** I Danced in the Morning (chorus) \*VU #352  
Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

L: This is the call! Shake off the dust that has been gathering underfoot.

**P: We lift up our heads to meet the day.**

L: Raise your hands in grateful praise.

**P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**

L: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of determination and set out anyway.

**P: For we are called to dance again!**

**♪♪ Hymn:** Dance with the Spirit \*MV #156  
Dance with the Spirit early in the morning  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin'  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

**Prayer:**

**A Story for All Ages:** Children's time

"We offer thanks, for dreamers true

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for all they are and all they do

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Let us become dreamers too  
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and bring new life to me and you  
**and bring new life to me and you!**  
Amen! Amen!

**First Reading:**    *John 20:19-22 (NRSV, adapted)*

**Second Reading:**    *1 John 1: 1-4 (NRSV, adapted)*

 **Hymn:**    Now the Green Blade Rises    \*VU #186

- 1**      **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
love is come again, like wheat arising green.**
  
- 2**      **In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again, like wheat arising green.**

**Sermon:**

**Prayers of the People:**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **Come, O God, and restore our lives.**

**Teach me to pray in the power of Easter,  
following Christ in a life resurrected,  
teach me to act with compassion and justice,  
teach me to dance with the beat of your heart.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

**The Offering:**

**♪♪ Sung Dedication:** For the Gift of Creation \*VU#538  
For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

**Prayer:**

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, you are the source of every blessing. In gratitude for bringing peace to our lives, receive these offerings as signs of our commitment to live as your faithful disciples. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**♪♪ Hymn:** As We Walked Home at Close of Day \*VU #184

- 1 As we walked home at close of day,  
a stranger joined us on our way.  
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,  
and when we stopped, he carried on.
  
- 2 'Why wander further without light?  
Please stay with us this troubled night.  
We've shared the truth of how we feel  
and now would like to share a meal.'

**Benediction:**

**Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':**

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!  
And also with you!

Phone, email –connect with someone today and share the  
Peace of Christ.

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