**St. Andrews United**

**Church**



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**April 7, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Easter**

**We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call To Worship**

One: We are people of the twenty-first century,
far removed from the upper room

**All: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**
One: We have put away the festive trumpets,
the fancy clothes, the chocolate bunnies of Easter Sunday.
Must the message of Easter be put away for another year?
**All: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**
One: We still seek the One who offers victory over death,
whose love conquers evil.

**All: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**
One: We gather to worship the risen Christ,
who offers us new life.
**All: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**

**Gathering Hymn - I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry - 644**

**Prayer of Confession -**

**Words of Assurance (1 John 1–2)**

**Celebrating Holy Baptism of James Edward Felton**

**(Please see insert)**

 **Presentation and Introduction**

 **Congregational Commitment**

 **Profession of Faith**

 **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water**

 **The Baptism**

 **Welcome**

 **Prayer and Blessing**

**Hymn - Jesus Loves Me VU 365**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - John 20: 19-31**

**Meditation - The Road Beyond Easter**

**Hymn - Amazing Grace VU 266**

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering -**

**Offering Hymn - Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving - 540 VU**

 Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

 with a spirit large and free,

 that ourselves and all our living

 we may offer faithfully.

**Offering Prayer -**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn - One More Step Along the World - 639 VU**

**Commissioning and Benediction -**

**Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be Easter people! AMEN.**

**Announcements**

**Upcoming**

**April 8- yard Sale drop off begins**

**April 9-UCW meets 10:30am**

**April 11-Board Meeting at 10:30am**

**April 14- STYC Performs during worship service**



 **There will be an Inside yard Sale on April 20th run by UCW. Donations will be accepted but not until April 8 as space is limited! So start your spring cleaning and get your items ready for the Yard Sale.**

**If you are visiting with us for worship today, please sign our guestbook at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship following the service.**