



**Second Sunday of Easter  
Conversation Sunday  
April 8, 2018  
10:30 a.m.**

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## The Call

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BODY PRAYER

Await, Allow, Accept, Attend.

\*PRAISE

**"We Are the Body of Christ"**  
**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** (vs 1&3)

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#557 UMH

## The Conversation

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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**Jesus, you conquered the grave, and we are singing for your glory.  
Author of Salvation, speak now through these Scriptures, that we may be  
the compassion and love for others that you are for us. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING

***Psalm 133***

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-35; Mark 3:20-35

CHILDREN'S HYMN

**"We Are the Church"** (vs 1)

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CHILDREN'S TIME

*The Church is Surprised*

A TIME OF CONVERSATION

*† = We will dismiss ourselves to various locations. Please follow directions to determine which group you will join this morning.*

- April's theme is the fourth part of our Mission/Vision statement: BE Church!
- What are the minimum requirements to have or to be church?
- Look at the passages from Acts and Mark: What made them Church?
- What makes us "Church"?
- What do we expect the church to do or to BE in the world today?
- "How is it with your soul?" How have you experienced God's grace?

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS

*† = Please share specific Joys and Concerns with your group. Take notes, and pray together as you complete your conversation. Thank you!*

## The Community

SHARING OUR THOUGHTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"A Place at the Table"*(vs 1,3,4)

#3149 W&S

\*SENDING

~Safiyah Fosua

Lord, here we stand  
with the whole city gathered at our door  
waiting for our Sunday celebrations to end,  
hoping the we will notice  
that there is a community outside these walls  
longing for healing, help, and hope.  
As we walk through these doors,  
help us to worship and work with our eyes open  
so that we might love and feel and even ache with our neighbors.  
When tomorrow comes,  
let worship continue to flow through our hands,  
testifying to your love and greatness. **AMEN.**

\*POSTLUDE