



*Sunday Worship- 1<sup>st</sup> Week  
after Easter  
April 11, 2021  
Christ is Risen, He is Risen  
Indeed!!*

*PRELUDE*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

*Thomas said:*

**“Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe.”**

*We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.*

**Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the Spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!**

*Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.*

**Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was.**

**Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes to the spiritual realities around us.**

*Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”*

**Amen.**

*OPENING PRAYER*

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN #268 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

*Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. So let us acknowledge our failure and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.*

*PRAYER OF BROKENESS AND CONFESSION*

**Creator God,**

**We confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways. Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

#### *WORDS OF ASSURANCE*

*Know that you do not wait alone. God has given us one another for this journey of faith, to help one another. Know that you do not wait alone; Christ is with us. Be encouraged, and encourage one another. Go and share the Good News. Amen.*

#### *FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON* 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NIV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

#### *CHILDREN'S SERMON*

##### *HYMN #286 "Breath on Me, Breath of God"*

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

#### *SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON* John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*SERMON* “Re-remembering and Re-rejoicing in Christ’s Peace”

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RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, you are faithful and just! Through the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have given great grace to us all. You call us to share the word of eternal life with others so that our joy may be complete. Light the way for us as we seek to live in fellowship with Christ. May our offerings reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*JOYS AND CONCERNS*

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE*

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*SHARING THE ELEMENTS* (Please hold up your elements of first the bread and the cup with the pastor says the Words of Institution are spoken. We will partake of each element together)

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN #538* Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

[Refrain:]

Halleluya! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread; I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt;

strong in faith, free of doubt, tell to all the joyful Gospel. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

## **Sunday April 11th – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY** - Join us today for Sunday school class for all ages at 11:30am on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/127591875>. For one half hour our children will be hearing stories, singing songs, engaging in activities and games about God and God's teachings.

**THURSDAY EVENING STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP:** 7pm on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782.

**Calendar:** April 14 6:00 PM Confirmation Class - Zoom  
April 18 4PM Parish Life Event - Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Su Fall, Doris Elliott, The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright

We also want to keep the Ferguson family in our prayers due to the death of Jim Ferguson, beloved husband of Judy and father of Andrew and Timothy. A memorial service will be held on April 17, 2021 at 1:00. The service at the church is for family only but will be broadcast on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782.

