

APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Christ Has Risen, Alleluia"

Christopher Loemker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"
Heather Benoit, Ginny Ezekiel, Daniel Moore

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
Tell the grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

George Thagard

One: The Word of life spoke:
May: so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.
One: The Word of life reached out:
Many: so we could touch the hope which heals us.
One: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:
Many: so we could follow him into life forever.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

J. Wayne Kerr

CALL TO REPENTANCE

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (*Unison*)

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Pastor: ...The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(The people may greet one another in peace with a wave)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

George Thagard

FIRST READING

John 20:19-25

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Robert Newman

SECOND READING

John 20:26-31

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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ANTHEM

"Let Not Your Heart be Troubled"
Daniel Moore, Baritone

Oley Speaks

Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me; ye believe in God, ye believe in God, believe also in me. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; ye believe in God, believe also in me. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

SERMON

"Thomas the Brave"

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
Heather Benoit, Ginny Ezekiel, Daniel Moore

O FILI ET FILIAE

*O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, **"Alleluia, Amen."**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"O Sons and Daughter, Let Us Sing"

O FILI ET FILIAE

*How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

Charles Callahan

THE CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson	Pastor
Robert Newman	Program Director
Dr. Larry E. Hardin	Director of Music Ministry
David Renaker	Organist
Jeanie Covin	Director of Day School
Betsy Murphy	Church Administrator
Dereck Stewart	Sexton
Rick, Reed, Treasurer	
Mark Ezekiel, Clerk of the Session	
	Natalie Reed, Assistant Clerk of the Session

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

- Betsy Murphy asks prayers for **Macie and Jamey Clements**. Macie is 31 weeks pregnant and hospitalized with the baby having some complications. Pray for a safe remainder of pregnancy. Also say a prayer for her 2-1/2 year old son **Easton** who is missing his mama and is also having some breathing issues.

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Living River Open House, Saturday, April 24th. See bulletin insert.

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