

Order of Worship: April 19, 2020 - Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE:

Music by Judy Brist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GATHERING CHORUS:

Take Me As I Am (All sing one time)

Verse 1

*Take o, take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 149)

One: Praise the Lord.

All: Sing to the Lord a new song.

One: Let the Assembly of God's faithful people sing praise.

All: Let them praise God's name with dancing

One: Making melody to God with tambourine and harp.

All: Let them give glory and sing for joy.

One: Let the high praise of God be in their throats.

All: This is glory for all God's faithful people.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Hymn123 - *Christ is Alive!*

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing,
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring,
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Let us confess our doubts and fears.

All: We confess our need for your forgiveness.

We turn away from you and yours by our actions, our words, and our thoughts.

Sin has shattered our lives and has hardened our hearts.

We are filled with doubts that we dare not share.

Like Thomas, your disciple, we say,

**"Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails,
and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

God of love, we offer this prayer of confession,

trusting you will forgive our sin and satisfy our doubting hearts.

AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The Risen Christ comes to us and says, "Take your fingers and place them in the holes where the nails pierced my hands. Take your hand, and see for yourself where the spear entered my side. I was crucified for you. I conquered death and the power of evil on your behalf. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Friends hear and believe the Good News: Jesus Lives! And in him we are forgiven.

Special Music: "I Believe"

Video By Christ Church Choir; Summit, New Jersey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Ken will tell us any prayer requests submitted by the congregation. He will then say a prayer for these requests ending with the congregation reciting "The Lord's Prayer)

THE 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

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 16

Song of Trust and Security in God

A Miktam of David.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- 3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
- 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- 11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOSPEL LESSON:
John 20:19-29 (NRSV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin!), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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."
²⁶ A 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." ²⁷ Then 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

SERMON: "Becoming Disillusioned" Rev. Ken Ribe

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

CHARGE: Go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen