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*Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

All things of God, all the heavens,

**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,

all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

**Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

**Opening Hymn: The Day of Resurrection VU 164**

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
  
- 2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright  
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain  
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
  
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph, and all that  
is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes  
of gladness blend,  
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Glory to you, O God our Maker, we come giving thanks for the wonder in your creation. Glory to you, O Christ we come praising you, for you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, we come praising you for your guidance, wisdom and inspiration.**

**Glory to you, Holy Trinity, source of all truth, love, hope and joy, now and always. Amen**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**God our Redeemer, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The risen Christ is in our midst, speaking words of peace and forgiveness to us this day. Do not doubt these gifts are for you. Be at peace with yourself and with one another. Amen.

### **Children's Time**

**Ministry Of Music: Walk With Me** - words and music by Nik Day

**Scripture Reading: John 20: 19-31** Reader: Mary Lloyd

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!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[1]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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."

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!" 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe<sup>[2]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **Sermon: The Day and Week After**

**Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee** VU 560

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
teach me thy secret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
  
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
with some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

### **Joy/Concerns**

- **Birthdays**

- John Cuming celebrates April 14
- Lynne Lamb celebrates April 15
- Rossie Rawn celebrates April 17
- Alison Rainford celebrates April 18

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever, and ever. Amen.

#### **Offering Hymn: What Can I Do MV 191**

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

#### **Offering Prayer**

#### **Parting Song 642: Be Thou My Vision**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;

I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

**Benediction:**

**Postlude: Disciple Of Christ** - words and music by Nik Day.

**Welcomers:** Mildred Perkin, John Cuming

**Counters:** Ruth Sproule, Allan Hons

#### Worship Schedule

April 19th	3rd Sunday of Easter	Social Justice
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	4th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Karen Boivin
May 3rd	5th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Jeff Hawkin
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Social Justice

Council Meeting May 6, & Jun 3. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.