

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 11, 2021

PRELUDE “Gavotte from Suite No. 3” J.S. Bach

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

Let us worship God with joy and gladness!

HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” No. 113

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have an advocate with God — Jesus Christ, the righteous one — who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Remember the first believers — who shared one heart and soul, held all things in common, and distributed to all in need. In that same spirit, let us present our offerings at the feet of the risen Lord.

The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, cazpres.org.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and — above all — the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

No. 293

1 This is my Father's world,
 And to my listening ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings
 The music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world:
 I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world.
 Oh, let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world:
 The battle is not done:
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heaven be one.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit
 enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch
 with our hands Jesus the Word of life — our Lord and our God.
 Amen

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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^a), 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.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe^b that Jesus is the Messiah,^c the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON "Believing Without Seeing"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 150

1 Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

BENEDICTION

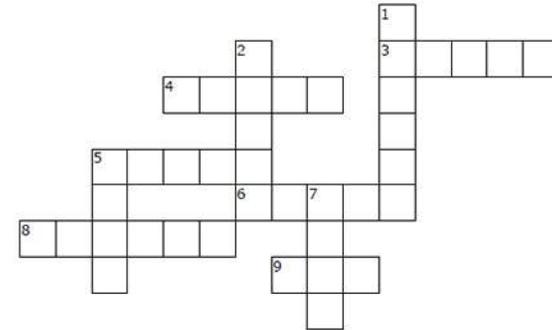
POSTLUDE "Hymn to Joy" Hopson

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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 it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- 4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- 5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- 6. The body parts at the end of the arms
- 8. Not open
- 9. To break God's law

DOWN

- 1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- 2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
- 5. An entrance into a building or room
- 7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

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C	M	F	V	I	P	V	K	M	Y	S
doors Jesus rejoiced Holy Thomas mark			locked peace Father Spirit Twin finger			fear disciples Receive retained nails Messiah				

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