

Order of Worship

April 11th 2021 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

In the nervous silence of our doubts,
we are aware of nothing but your absence, Jesus,
and we begin to wonder whether the rumors of your death are true;

**Then, suddenly, you are among us,
your presence so real we can almost touch you
your life flowing out into the world unconstrained;**

And we realize that there is nothing to fear,
that the worst the world can throw at us
is insufficient to suppress the inexorable rising of resurrection.

**We come now offering praise and thanks
for your life that cannot be quenched,
that fills us now,
and that calls us to be resurrection people
in a world that too often believes
the deceptions of death.
We come now to worship you!
Amen.**

– by John van de Laar

Hymn of Praise

By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their
hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward
Till the race is finished and the work is
done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin
and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good
news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward

Till the race is finished and the work is
done
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Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are
possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

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Opening Prayer

Lord,
We find ourselves in the locked doors of ourselves
just as the disciples were behind closed doors.
We too are afraid, perhaps for a different reason than theirs.
But we too need the breath of the Holy Spirit to take away our fears
so that we can come out from behind these locked doors.
Lord, we are like Thomas with our questions and our doubts.
We sometimes need to see in order to believe,
we need you in order to have faith.
Lord, we too need the peace you bring
because our world is fraught with violence, and unrest.
Lord, just as Thomas confessed you are his Lord and his God,
we boldly claim you for our lives.
Lord we thank you for the blessing you have given us,
the ones who believe without seeing.
Lord, may the doors of our churches be open to all
and that doubters be welcomed here.
Amen.

– written by Rev Abi

Special Music

Doubting Thomas
Chris Thile

Scripture Reading

Lisa Aanonsen, Reader

John 20:19-31

New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ 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!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.”

²⁶ 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!” ²⁷ 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.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Now and Not Yet

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Cecilia Rios, Reader

Offertory

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira F. Stanphill

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

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. 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.

Communion Hymn

Be Not Afraid, Bob Dufford SJ

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign
lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and
live.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate
you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Refrain

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you
rest.

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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

The Kingdom of God is at hand – You proclaimed it, Jesus;
But, it often feels like it's a million miles away.
You demonstrated its grace and showed its power,
but the signs often appear faded or absent in our world.
We need Your Kingdom to come, O God,
in all its fullness, in all its glory;
This waiting, this “now and not yet” experience of Your reign
is hard and frustrating.
And so we pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our lives,
turning our sickness and sin, our brokenness and fear
into friendship and compassion, wholeness and joy.
We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our world,
turning our war and our disparities, our consumption and our self-interest
into peace and collaboration, stewardship and reverence.
Your Kingdom is here, and it is coming, O God.
Make us faithful heralds of its message
and tireless practitioners of its ways.
Amen.

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Blessing

Postlude

More Love
Gary Nicholson & Tim O'Brien

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by The Colorado Currys & Michael Schoepe.