

Order of Worship

April 16th 2023 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Easter - 9:00 am

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

**But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**But we have been called
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This Is My Father's World

RH #143

Verse 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

Verse 2

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him
pass
He speaks to me everywhere

Verse 3

This is my Father's world
O 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

Opening Prayer

God, we are in a liminal space,
one where chaos and disorder have confused our lives,
yet one where we also find time to rest and receive your peace.

We sit with the disciples behind our locked doors and wait in fear,
and when you appear,
we are given a spirit of peace only you can give.

Hold us in your grace this morning,
offering us the same hopeful word you offered those frightened disciples
that Easter evening so many years ago.

We pray this all in the name of your son,
our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ,
who taught us all to pray, saying: *Our Father...*

Special Music

Every Season

Nichole Nordeman

Scripture Reading

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

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."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

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 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

Coulter Burch Director of Youth, Family, and Outdoor Ministries

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Grow

Jason Upton

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.

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

RH #562

Be Thou my vision
O Lord 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

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is 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

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Closing Prayer

Gracious God, our eyes struggle to see life and its challenges from your perspective. It feels like pain wins down here. Disappointment, disease and death distract us from hope in you. Our doubts cloud our vision and make us want to distract ourselves. Give us trust that transforms our thinking. Help us to have belief that goes beyond our comprehension as we lean not on our own understanding. Thank you for loving and leading us through this time. **Amen.**

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Greeters - Jane Floyd, Marie Kelly
Scripture Readers - Marie Kelly, Marion Garrett
Prayers of the People - Marie Kelly
Altar - Sue and Richard de Campo

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