



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter
19 April 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Voluntary

Adoration

Felix Borowski

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him,

and although we do not see Jesus now, we believe in him and rejoice.

For we are receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Friends, let us worship together.

Hymn 238

Thine is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. (Refrain)

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Prayer of Confession

God, you have given us a way to life, even in the midst of our guilt. It is for our sins that the Son of God has died. We acknowledge this and admit that even while surrounded by your answering grace we still fear, still doubt, and still go astray. With knowledge of the sacrifice made on our behalf, and with thanks for the salvation it has given us in the hope of resurrection, we ask your forgiveness and mercy for us and for our neighbors. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Declaration of Pardon Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you.
and those with whom we worship.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading John 20:19-25

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

Second Scripture Reading John 20:26-31

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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."

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

Sermon See My Hands Rev. Trajan I. McGill
"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side." *-John 20:19b-20a*

Music Melodie Fritz Kreisler

The Church at 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.

Introduction to Offering

Prayer of Dedication Almighty God, bless all we are giving you today, wherever we are. Give us generosity to share, in your name, with all those around us, and to further the work of the body of Christ. Grant us wisdom and insight to see how we may dedicate ourselves to loving our neighbor in this time of separation from one another, and loving you, from whom we know we are never separated. Thanks be to you; amen.

Hymn 246 Christ Is Alive (verses 1, 2, and 5) *Truro*

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.

Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Sonata in d minor: gigue *F. M. Veracini*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Kamen Petkov, Violinist
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox, Videographer