



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

2nd Sunday of Easter/Virtual Service
Sunday, 11 April 2021

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

The Strife is O'er VICTORY/arr. Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Infinite wisdom, you bring the dawn of each new day. We praise your name for sending Christ with the promise of new life. You scatter the clouds of darkness so that our eyes can behold the truth of your love. You replace the finality of death with an affirmation of life without ending. You burst upon our being with each ray of sunlight, bringing light to illumine our world with the presence of your redeeming grace. As we stand on the threshold of your magnificence be pleased with our worship as we utter your name. Amen.

OPENING 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.
 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.
 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
 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.
 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE

One: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to you.

All: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

One: The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.

All: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

One: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.

All: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

One: If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GLORIA PATRI #581: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LECTIONARY TEXT:

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Zion - Psalm 133

Daniel Read

How did my heart rejoice to hear My friends devoutly say,
"In Zion let us all appear and keep the solemn day."
I love her gates, I love the road: The church, adorned with grace,
Stands like a palace, built for God, To show his milder face.

Up to her courts, with joys unknown, The holy tribes repair;
The Son of David holds his throne and sits in judgment there.
He hears our praises and complaints; And while his awful voice
Divides the sinners from the saints, we tremble and rejoice.

Peace be within this sacred place and joy a constant guest!
With holy gifts and heavenly grace, be her attendants blest!
My soul shall pray for Zion still, while life or breath remains;
There my best friends, my kindred, dwell, There God, my Saviour reigns.

SERMON

"The Integrity of Doubt"

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo
for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: So, come, O King,
and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;

Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.

O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us peace,
and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise LLANFAIR/arr. Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Denise Bien**, Health concerns
- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns
- **Sue Imm**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns, hospitalized
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns

- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Coworkers:

- **McGill Family**, back in the United States

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of April: 5 Cheryl Hatch, 6 Mary Jane Bogart & Ethan McNeill, 7 Jill Nishiyama, 12 Rev. Amy Snow
13 Sally Moffitt, Lois Schuster, 16 Robert Ruff, 17 Linda Lodder-Beckert 19 Gertrude Smith & Barbara Imm,
22 Fredrick Burnett, 23 Carol Burnett, Susan Imm & Douglas Mohr, 25 Anna Bowlin, 29 Scott Hatch