

Service of Worship
Second Sunday of Easter
Service of Wholeness and Healing
April 28, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude by Kindermand

“Prelude in D Major”

Choral Beginning by Milton

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

From Psalm 136

*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

The Light of God Enters

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the Creator of life who upholds us.

People: Let us worship the risen Christ who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, holy and free, who empowers us.

People: To the one Creator, Christ, and Spirit be all glory and honor, world without end.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 613

“O Lord, Our Lord”

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“Great Are You, Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are like seeds; you are the sun, the rain, the rich soil. If we protect ourselves from your life-initiating power, we cease to grow. We confess that we are afraid to let go of what we are, for fear we will be changed. We clutch the familiar, cling to the old, are bound by the past. Forgive us our lack of trust, open us to your life-giving power. Hear our prayers...

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said to the disciples, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” No longer need we be bound by fear; no longer need we be burdened by guilt. Accept Christ’s presence in our lives. We are renewed through God’s forgiving love.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Response Hymnal No. 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Verse 1

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn Hymnal No. 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 565) Psalm 118:14-29

New Testament Lesson (page 115) John 20:19-31

Reflection **“Peace Be with You”**

-- Responding to the Word --

Musical Offering by Choplin

“Once, Upon a Tree”

*Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime,
He was crucified. If the story ended there,*

I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story.

Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows.

Could the Father’s will be done through the suffering of His Son?

And there comes the answer, “Once, upon a tree.”

For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl.

What greater love could there be?

He died, He rose again, still the story doesn’t end,

for His spirit is living in me.

What tale of human love could there ever be told?

What song could compare with the one I hold?

*Through everything I am and through everything I’ll be,
let me sing my story, “Once, upon a tree; once, upon a tree.”*

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal Pg. 35

Thanksgivings
Offertory Invitation
Offertory

Shaker melody adapted by Carter
"Lord of the Dance"

*Doxology Hymnal No. 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Ritual for Healing

*Hymn Hymnal No. 240
"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Blessing

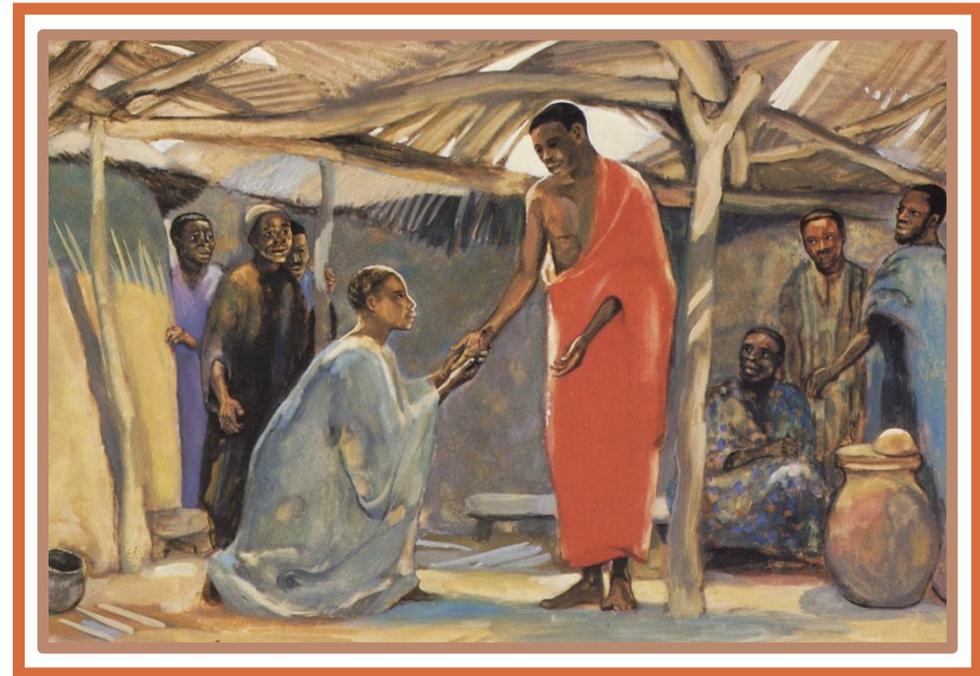
Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope now and always.

People: **Alleluia now and forever!**

*Choral Benediction – *sung with the congregation* Hymnal No. 765
"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude by Lasso
"Postlude in E Flat Major"



JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS

A response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each reading was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, then transcribed to paintings.

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Participants in today's service: John Clement (worship leader), Noah & Makayla Baylor (acolytes), Senior Choir (chorale beginning and offering), Rev. Jud Bennett (children's sermon), Kathy Zakarian and Jen Henning (Deacons), Stephanie Smith Cooney (violin), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Next week's reflection by Rev. Sally Dries: "The Way Forward."

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