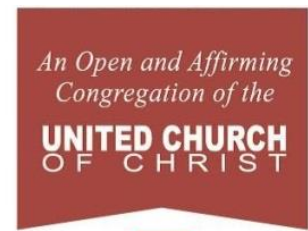


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ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

*"As I see it, the primary religious task these days is to try to think straight...
You can't think straight with a heart full of fear, for fear seeks safety, not truth.
If your heart's a stone, you can't have decent thoughts--either about personal relations or about
international ones. A heart full of love, on the other hand,
has a limbering effect on the mind." – William Sloane Coffin*

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Trumpet Tune

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Dr. David Neiweem, Organ

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Faith is a Forest

CHINESE FOLK MELODY

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

(Kenneth Patton/Marianne Williamson)

One: Let us reverence Life with our eyes, ears and fingertips.

All: Let us love the world through heart and mind and body.

One: We feed our eyes upon the mystery in the faces of our sisters and brothers and sisters, of mothers and fathers, and children everywhere.

All: Let us be open to our full and emerging humanity.

One: We gather, not simply in bowing down, and not with closed eyes and stopped ears, but with the opening of all windows of our beings, with the full outstretching of our spirits.

All: Let us gather in meditation and singing, as those who have fallen in love with life.

One: We are born to make manifest the glory of the Sacred that is within us.

All: It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

One: As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

All: As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence liberates others.

One: Holiest God, may it be so, in this hour and beyond.

All: Amen.

* OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* NCH 233
READING *When You Get Lost*, by Carol Prejean Zippert Charlotte Safran

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE

During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives, and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Can I Keep from Singing?* AMERICAN, arr. Beck

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

THE WORD 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 authorities, 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), 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 that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

WORD OF GOD FOR ALL AGES

Elizabeth Emmett

SPECIAL MUSIC *Now the Green Blade Rises* FRENCH TRAD'L
Ruesink/Barkers

READING *People in the Dark Always See* by Yehuda Amichai

SERMON

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Peace I Leave With You, My Friends* NCH 249
OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER AND 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.

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Jeff Comstock

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Offertory* Theodore DuBois

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* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

* CLOSING HYMN *The Day of Resurrection* NCH 245

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Jeremiah Rankin

* *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*



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Donations to our 2020 Easter Offering will be devoted (90%) to the First Church operating budget – providing vital support to all of the ministries of First Church.

The balance of the offering (10%) will support the mission of a Vermont non-profit selected by our Mission Team: *Justice for All*, an organization working for equity and against racism in our region and state.



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