



The 2nd Sunday of EASTER
April 19, 2020

Prelude

Every Morning is Easter Morning, Martha Main

We are Called to Worship

One: Sing a new song!

Many: **A springtime shout-out to life!**

One: Sing praise to our joyful Easter God

Many: **Whose power brings new life out of death!**

One: Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth

Many: **Find refreshment and strength for a future of hope!**

One: For God has taken ordinary things

Many: **And made them extraordinary: Sing a New Song!+**

Gathering Prayer - Holy God, nothing is beyond your power to transform! In a gray dawn, you coax songs of Alleluia! From the tombs of despair we take refuge in You call us to wake up and work. We praise you for this amazing day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide morning. Amen.+

Song 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven, 289, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

We Hear God's Word

John 20:19-31 (Common English Bible)

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Song 2

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, 461, YouTube

Meditation

Jesus Shows Up

Spiritual Practice of the Week



Showing Up

IN THESE DAYS, WE FIND OURSELVES
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. IN SPITE OF
WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES, HOW CAN
YOU SHOW UP FOR FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS?

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In the scripture for this Sunday, the Resurrected Christ shows up for his friends and disciples, and, blessing them with the Holy Spirit, he asks them to go out into the world and show up for others. How might you show up for someone this week? You might send a card to someone who has been on your mind. Perhaps it's time to call that old friend you haven't talked to in a while. We can't be physically near one another but we can still be that word of peace that shows up at just the right time. Take some time to reflect, too, on the ways Jesus has showed up for you. You might take a few moments to write down some reflections.

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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***The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

***We Give Thanks** (unison) – **Loving God, can a generous prayer be lifted up to you this Eastertide? Can these gifts, given with love, be further transformed like echoes of grace, delighting all who receive their blessings? May it be so, through the surprising power of your Holy Spirit, and may our lives speak of a loving God, full of Easter surprises. Amen.+**

Song 3

How Great Thou Art, 51, Martha Main and YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing - Follow God's lead into new life! Recognize Jesus in unexpected places. Easter! Christ is Risen! May you dance an alleluia dance, and sing a resurrection song. Laugh with God and let joy reside in your hearts always. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.+

Postlude

Benediction Medley, Martha Main

Worship Notes:
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