

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

9:45 AM

PRELUDE

Arietta

Kerr

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Lyman Waldron

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thomas said, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” We are in a liminal space, confused between brokenness and new opportunities.

Many: Dear God, fill us with the power of Resurrection to embrace newness.

One: We are hiding like the disciples behind closed doors with fear and doubts, waiting for your appearance.

Many: Come into our midst now, penetrate into our closed hearts and bring us your peace.

One: Refresh us, O God, and empower us.

Many: As we worship today, fill us up with your risen spirit!

*HYMN

#234 Crown Him With Many Crowns

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the risen Christ, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son Jesus. Help us today to embrace the new life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A life that is beyond our doubts, embracing faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel your presence in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SEARCH COMMITTEE COMMITMENT AND AFFIRMATIONS

The Search Committee: Carol Sorenson (co-chair), Nancy LaBier (co-chair), Donna Arthur, Nancy Clegg (Scheduler), Sam Griesmer, Claire Houston, Kirie Santos (Conference Liaison)

UNISON BLESSING THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

You have our thankfulness and our appreciation for your willingness to accept the privilege and the responsibility of recommending our future pastoral leadership. When we can support your work, let us know! When we need to be patient and let you be about your work, say so! May God bless you in this time ahead. May God give you strength for this endeavor, and may the Spirit always be present. May Allin Church also be blessed in this time growing in our faith and faithfulness as we go about our varied ministries in this "in-between-time" of transition. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Michael Martens. **“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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Softly and Tenderly

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN OF JOY

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest; wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest; thou creator, Chris our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us. Even in the long nights of mourning or discernment, you make your presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this world. May the gifts we share today and each day hereafter create a Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Andy Marcoux

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the religious authorities, 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."

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 that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Through the words of scripture God spoke to our ancestors and speaks to us anew.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

SERMON

Rev. C. Lyman Waldron

*HYMN

#220 O Sons and Daughters, Sing your Praise

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "O Filii et Filiae"

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Merle "Skip" Pimentel by his daughter Sue Pimentel.

USHERS

Donna Arthur & Marion Kirohn

COFFEE HOUR

Deacons

April 16th

Coffee Hour- Flowers

FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB

PLANT SALE

Saturday May 13th 9-12

Rain or shine

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