

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



Opening Sentences

Leader: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

All: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Leader: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

All: Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we

focus on the Light.

Leader: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Leader: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

All: That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.

Leader: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

All: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.

Leader: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

All: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence

the good news of Easter.



Hymn #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA



Unison Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord Jesus, must we see you in order to believe you? Is seeing truly believing? Are we to be prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear? Yet you are faithful— you give sight to the blind, you carry us when we are weary, you call us to your side. The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key. Speak your words of life to us again: "Do not doubt, only believe." Speak your words of life, that we might live. Risen Lord Jesus, forgive our sins and hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The peace of God be with you. Receive God's forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead.

All: Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst. Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

Gloria Patri

Patri Glory Be to the Father
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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon



Special Music "Crown Him with Many Crowns" setting by Joel Raney Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

and hail him as the matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Living God, today's Good News is so wondrous, so magnificent, that we struggle to wrap our heads around it. Give our hearts the wisdom to receive that which our heads cannot fully understand. Send your Spirit to fill our whole bodies with your resurrection promise. This we pray in your holy and good name. Amen.



Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3; 12:1-2

Hymn #817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAPS CREEK

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31
Sermon "Fear, Facts, & Faith" Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection



Pastoral Prayer with 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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Crown Him with Many Crowns" setting by Carol Klose

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.



The Affirmation of Faith: (2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:7) So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God. who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight.



Benediction

Postlude





