



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021



Christ shows himself to Thomas, LeCompte, Rowan and Irene, Washington National Cathedral

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“Touch, Thomas, the gaping wound of my world. Feel, Thomas, the primal wound, of my people. Reach out your hands, Thomas, and place them at the side of the poor. Grasp my hands, Thomas, and believe, when you feel me in the world’s pain, and in the world’s glory.” ~ Kate McIlhagga

- GATHERING -

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

PASSACAGLIA IN C MINOR
by J.S. Bach

BMV 582

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace be with you. Jesus Stands among us.
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who alone does great wonders,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who spread out the earth on the waters,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who made the great lights,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

And rescued us from all that threatens us,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

THESE THINGS DID THOMAS COUNT AS REAL
Words by Thomas H. Troeger
Music by Elkanah Kelsay Dare

GTG #256
KEDRON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Easter, in the risen Christ you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. We have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that frighten us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

RESPONSE

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

BE NOT AFRAID

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is sure. Believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be an Easter people. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE HALLE

- THE WORD -

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ACTS 4:32-35

(CEB)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

¡MIREN QUÉ BUENO!

GTG #397

by Pablo Sosa

MIREN QUÉ BUENO

SECOND READING

JOHN 20:19-31

(CEB)

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

- RESPONDING TO THE WORD –

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

- SENDING –

HYMN

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

GTG #775

African American Spiritual

WALK WITH ME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN C MINOR

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by J.S. Bach