

WORSHIP HANDOUT

April 19, 2020  
Teaching Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**P: But we see him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

L: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**P: But we have seen him in the faces  
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

L: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**P: But we have been called  
to bring healing to the scarred of the world. Amen.**

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### TIME OF PRAYER

##### UNISON PRAYER

O Parent of all peoples,  
breathe your Holy Spirit on us  
that we may see the peace  
and be filled with the joy  
of the risen Christ.

Teach us how to speak his words of forgiveness  
so that we can be your agents of reconciliation  
in a broken and troubled world. Amen.

##### TIME OF SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

##### 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  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever.  
Amen.

## LESSON

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn’t with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples’ presence, signs that aren’t recorded in this scroll. <sup>31</sup> 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.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

“Why We Worship: A Look at Thomas”

## HYMN                      Praise the Source of Faith and Learning 2004

Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge  
that our science and our art  
and the breath of human knowledge  
only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder  
of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder  
which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed  
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow  
till converging they deliver on coherent steady flow,  
blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

UMH 95

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

(Prayer: unison)

God of the wilderness,  
We give these offerings in gratitude,  
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.  
We give these offerings in faith,  
trusting that you will provide for our needs.  
We give these offerings in hope,  
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.  
And with these offerings, we give ourselves;  
May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

May You Run and Not Be Weary 2281

May you run and not be weary.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God  
continue to give you hope  
and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary.  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel  
always lead you home.