

WORSHIP HANDOUT
April 18, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Dmitri of Rostov, Russia, 17th century

Leader: Come, Light of the World, and illumine our darkness.

People: Come, Life Triumphant, and revive us from death.

Leader: Come, Great Physician, and heal our wounds.

People: Come, King of our Hearts, and sit upon your throne.

Leader: For You alone are our King.

People: You alone are the Lord of Life.

*HYMN

Christ Has Risen

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TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to us, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you,” grant us the assurance of your mercy and peace with God so that your Holy Spirit might live in our midst and gather us into unity with all who trust and believe in you. We ask it in your name. Amen.

SILENT AND PASTORAL 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 the glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH #347

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1

CEB

Psalm 133

¹ Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!

² It is like expensive oil poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—

Aaron's beard!—

which extended over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

*LESSON 2

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together in the upper room. Fearful of the Jews, they had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus came, and stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, "Peace

to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive a person's sins, their sins have been forgiven them. If you retain the sins of any, they have been retained." But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, "Peace to you." Then he said to Thomas, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Do you believe because you've seen with your own eyes? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written down in this book. These are written down so you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in believing, may have life through his name.

MESSAGE

"Behind Locked Doors - Forgiveness and the Gift of the Spirit"

Rev. Bob Kuntz

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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**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.**

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Spirit Song (verse 1, no refrain)

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(Please be seated for the postlude).

POSTLUDE