

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday April 16th
First Sunday after Easter



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME "Open Doors" McManus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,
**But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,
**But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,
**But we have been called
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

~ written by Thom Schuman, and posted on **Lectionary
Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

OPENING PRAYER

In spite of our doubts,

may we recognize you in our midst:
wounded, bloody, and resurrected

in spite of our doubts,
may we know when we come face to face
with the love that is greater than all deaths

in spite of our doubts,
may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain
trusting that when grace and love surround them
they will become part of Christ's resurrected body.

and in spite of our doubts,
may we live as though we are, too.

~ written by Cheryl Lawrie, and posted on [hold this space] <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER “Kumbaya” CCLI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Written in Red” CCLI Jenson/Kirkland

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND 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 the glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Sweet Hour of Prayer (pub dom) 496 UMH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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. Amen.

LESSON I I Peter 1:3-9 CEB

³ May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ⁴ You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. ⁵ Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time. ⁶ You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. ⁷ This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is

revealed. ⁸ Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. ⁹ You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*HYMN He Lives UMH 310 (ccli)

*LESSON 2 **John 20:19-31 CEB**

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

24 Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** 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."

26 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." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

28 Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

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

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

“Digging In”

*HYMN

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love v 1-3
TFWS 2223 (ccli)

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

“I Come with Joy” vs. 5 (OneLic)

POSTLUDE