

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME                      We Sing to You, O God   TFWS 2001

\*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.**

~ 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/>

HYMN     At the Font We Start Our Journey   TFWS 2114

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER     "I've Got the Joy"  
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

TIME OF PRAYER  
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

PRAYER HYMN     Come and Find the Quiet Center   TFWS 2128

LESSON I Revelation 1:4-8 (liturgist)

<sup>4</sup>John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

\*LESSON 2                      John 20:19-31    CEB

**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.**

**This is the Word of God for all people.  
Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**                      Unless it happens to me

**\*HYMN**                      Here Am I TFVS 2178

**UNISON PRAYER**

**This world would deny you, Lord,  
and rely on human wisdom  
in their search for answers  
to questions they have yet to ask,  
but we will praise you,  
and exalt your name,  
for we know that you are Alpha,  
the beginning of all things,**

**and Omega,  
the end,  
and all that is between.  
We have known your healing.  
We have known your provision,  
We have known your victory.  
Our sorrow has turned into dancing  
and our tears to songs of joy.  
We shall praise you ever more. Amen**

~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

\*BENEDICTION      Song of Hope    TFWWS 2186

## POSTLUDE