



Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 11, 2021

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: We are people of the twenty-first century, far removed from the upper room.

People: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Leader: We have put away the festive trumpets, the fancy clothes, and our Easter foods. Must the message of Easter be put away for another year?

People: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Leader: We still seek the One who offers victory over death, whose love conquers evil.

People: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Leader: We gather to worship the risen Christ, who offers us new life.

People: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Praying Psalm 77

- Leader:** I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.
When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.
- People:** I REMEMBERED you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit
grew faint. You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.
- Leader:** I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;
I REMEMBERED my songs in the night.
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:
- People:** “Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again?
Has his unfailing love vanished forever?
Has his promise failed for all time?
Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”
- Leader:** Then I thought, “To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.
I will REMEMBER the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will REMEMBER your miracles of long ago.
- People:** I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”
Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?
- Leader:** You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.
- People:** With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- Leader:** The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed. The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.
- People:** Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.
- Leader:** Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.
- People:** You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The Gospel of Christ

John 14:1-11

Leader: Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home.

People: If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

Leader: When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."

People: "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Leader: Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

People: If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

Leader: Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

People: Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!

Leader: So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

People: The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

Worship in Song

Even If

The Gospel of Christ

John 20:24-29

Leader: Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

People: But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Leader: A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

People: "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here;

see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Leader: Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

People: Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Leader: This is the story of our Lord Jesus Christ with Thomas the disciple.

People: Thanks be to God!

Worship in Song

Spirit Of The Living God

The Lord Be With You

Worship in Song

Thy Word

Message

Without A Doubt: Faith Like Thomas
Katie Johnson

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father . . .

Song of Preparation

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place # 528

The Lord's Supper

Common Confession

Nicene Creed

Worship in Song

He Reigns

Benediction

Katie Johnson

Postlude