



# Sunday, April 26, 2020

## Order of Worship



**Prelude**     *Traümerei*

Velda Graham Bell, piano

Robert Schumann

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Call to Worship**

Mary and Rob West

One: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

**All: That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.**

One: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

**All: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.**

One: That's just where faith comes in – holding us together when we cannot see.

**All: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.**

\* **Hymn**     *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UM Hymnal #400

*1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.*

*Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood.*

*3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.*

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

**Children's Message**

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Sarah Horsfield

Prayers of the Congregation

Jesus' Prayer

**Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**     *Deep Peace*

Emma Rustan, vocalist

Sara Thomsen

## Scripture Reading

LeRoy and Eben Britton

### John 20:19-31

Voice One: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
**Voice Two: "Peace be with you!"**  
Voice One: After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said,  
**Voice Two: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."**  
Voice One: And with that he breathed on them and said,  
**Voice Two: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**  
Voice One: Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,  
**Voice Two: "We have seen the Lord!"**  
Voice One: But he said to them,  
**Voice Two: "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."**  
Voice One: 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,  
**Voice Two: "Peace be with you!"**  
Voice One: 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." Thomas said to him,  
**Voice Two: "My Lord and my God!"**  
Voice One: Then Jesus told him,  
**Voice Two: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**  
Voice One: Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon**     *Peace Be With You*

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

\* **Hymn**     *This Is My Song*

UM Hymnal #437, v. 1-2

1. *This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating,  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

2. *My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Offering Prayer**

**\* Hymn**      *Let There be Peace on Earth*  
*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;*  
*let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*  
*With God our creator, children all are we.*  
*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*  
*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.*  
*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:*  
*to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*  
*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

UM Hymnal #431

**Words for Going Forth**

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**Postlude**      *The Peace May Be Exchanged*  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Dan Locklair

\* please stand as you are comfortable

*Thank you to Michael Goodlet, Emma Rustan and Velda Graham Bell for leading the hymns today.*

*Next Sunday, May 3,  
We will celebrate Holy Communion. Please have juice/water/coffee and bread/crackers/doughnut holes available.  
Pastor Jeanine Alexander will preach on "HOPE is Walking With Us."*

