

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

*Today we worship via the internet. As you gather around your phone, computer, or tablet,
we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntary *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! (Hymn 117)* Settings by Lynn Trapp,
Flor Peeters,
Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**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, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* O FILII ET FILIAE

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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| 1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death and hell rose triumphing
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 2. That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia |
| 3. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, My feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 5. No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 6. How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia! |

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 16:5-11 Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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

The Gospel of our Lord;
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Solo

Recitative and Aria from *Hymn of Praise*

Felix Mendelssohn

Sing ye praise, all ye redeemed of the Lord,
redeemed from the hand of the foe,
from your distresses, from deep affliction;
who sat in the shadow of death and darkness.
All ye that cry in trouble unto the Lord,
sing ye praise! give ye thanks, proclaim aloud His goodness.
He counteth our sorrows in the time of need,
He comforts the bereaved with His regard.

Christopher Ahart, tenor

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

Anthem

I Believe

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.

*These words were scratched on the walls of a cellar in
Cologne, Germany by a Jew hiding from Nazi persecution.*

River Road Church Youth Choir
(recorded virtually)

Sermon

The Power of Doubt

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Hymn

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let the streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
3. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Benediction

Voluntary

Come Away to the Skies

George Shearing

Hymn text for meditation:
*Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born
On this festival day, come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.*

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen and Bill Rusher, Sr. and Annettha and Herb Manuel by Bill and Marge Rusher.

Christian sympathy is extended to Kay Howe upon the death of her husband; to Jay and Beth Howe upon the death of his father; and to James Howe, Matthew Howe, and Anna Grace Howe upon the death of their grandfather, Norton Howe, on April 12 in Atlantic Beach, NC.

Christian sympathy is extended to Rev. Keith and Carol Harris upon the death of their daughter, Melody Bruce, on April 17.

Christian sympathy is extended to David and Janet Stevens and family, upon the death of Janet's aunt, Susie Woo, on April 15.

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