

<i>April 26, 2020</i>	<b><i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></b>	<i>11am Worship</i>
~ WELCOME ~		
<i>Kindly silence your devices during worship</i>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE FOR PREPARATION Dustin Lin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Sharlande Sledge

*L: Today, we celebrate good news:*

**P: Christ is Risen!**

*L: When we lock ourselves away in the upper rooms of our lives, Christ's presence comes to us with words of peace...*

**P: Words that send us out of our hiding places with strength and power.**

*L: When believing does not come easily and when we are more skeptical than faithful, Christ's presence comes to us with words of assurance...*

**P: Words that transform our anxiety to comfort and turn our mourning into joyful dance.**

*L: When tears cloud our eyes so we cannot see signs of resurrection, Christ's presence comes to us with words of hope...*

**P: Words that remind us of new life all around us – even within us.**

*L: Thank God that our assurance is in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Christ is risen!*

**P: Christ is risen indeed!**

**\*HYMN** No. 241  
 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Peter 1:3-9  
 L: Hear the words of scripture. **R: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** INSERT  
 "Though Doubt Confronts Belief" LAUDES DOMINI

PASTORAL PRAYER  
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**LORD'S PRAYER**

\*GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31  
 L: Hear the words of gospel. **R: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION THROUGH MUSIC Henry Alford  
 "We Live By Faith and Not by Sight"

SERMON "Learning from Thomas"

CONTEMPLATION Dustin Lin

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** INSERT  
 "When Thomas Heard That Strange Report" MORNING SONG

**\*GOING FORTH**  
*L: Lord, we know that within every kernel of doubt, there is also a spark of life and hope. In those times when our faith falters, when we cannot recognize the presence of the Holy among us,...*  
**P: ...Take our faith and transform it, patiently showing us the many ways Christ walks among us.**  
 L: People of faith, look all around you: look as close as your own beating heart, and in the eyes of your nearest neighbor, grace and hope abound at the heart of all life.

**P: We are all God's questioning children, taking tentative and uncertain steps, but loved without condition, and accepted by God's grace.**

*L: Go in the grace of our Risen Lord.*

**ALL: Amen.**

POSTLUDE Dustin Lin  
 Postlude, to be enjoyed as you depart, extending the Grace of Christ to one another.

\*Please Stand As You Are Able Bolded items – congregational participation requested  
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