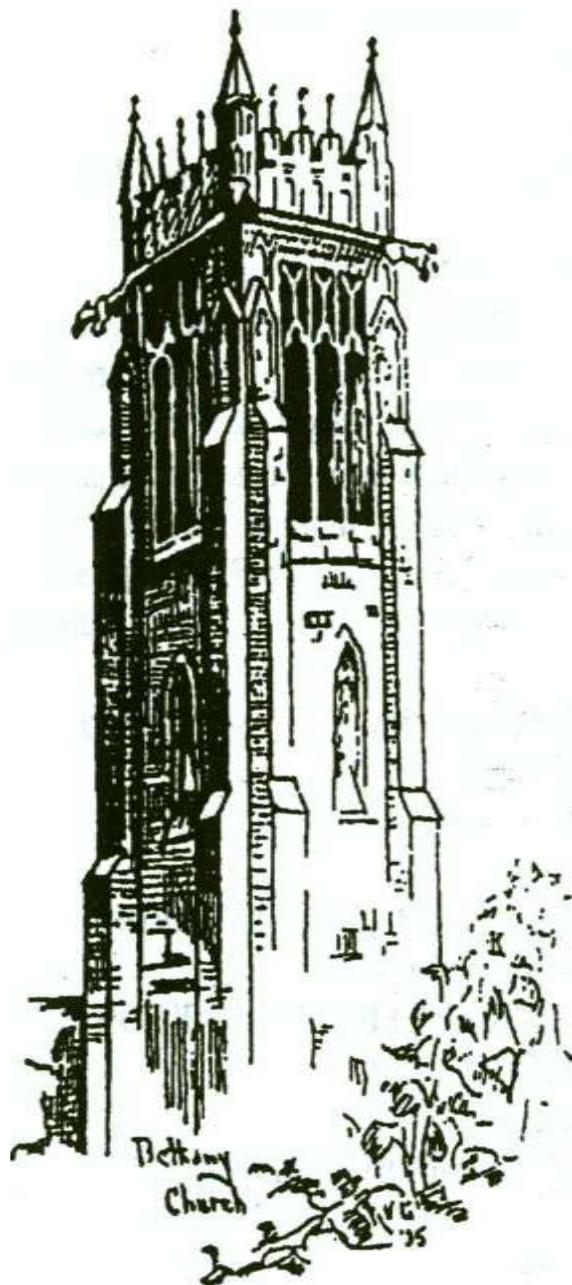


# BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 11, 2021**

**THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 11, 2021**

**Prelude: "Joy In the Morning"**

**Smith**

**Announcements:**

**Solo: "The Strife Is O'er"**

1 Corinthians 15:53-57 Latin 1695, trans: Francis Pott, 1861 (PH 181; NCH 242)

*A seventeenth-century Jesuit collection published in Cologne, Germany, is the earliest known source of this Latin hymn. The hymn is firmly associated with this musical setting from a Magnificat by the Italian composer Palestrina.*

Paul Frazer

**Call to Worship (Responsively):**

Let us walk in the light of God -

**And share the good news of life**

**to a world which struggles with a pandemic.**

Let us serve in the light of Christ -

**And unlock the doors of fear,**

**to bring hope to all in the shadows.**

Let us live in the light of the Spirit -

**And share healing with the broken,**

**to be a community to the lonely.**

**Prayer of Invocation (Unison):**

**Eternal Spirit, fill us with that grace which enables us to look beyond our fears, to live as people of faith. Fill us with that love, which strengthens us to care for the most vulnerable around us, rather than the most powerful. Fill us with that hope, which empowers us to go beyond locked doors and share the good news of the One who taught us to pray...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)**

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**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**      John 20:19-31 & Acts 4:32-35  
(See Insert)

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**SERMON**                      "Practicing Resurrection"  
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

**HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**                      **187**  
(See Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "My Savior's Love"**                      arr. Parks

**\*\*\*The Worship is over. The service begins.\*\*\***

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**BETHANY CHURCH STAFF**

**Ministers to the World**

Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle  
Rev. William C. Harding  
Matthew Hughes  
Sandy Johnson  
Judi McAuliffe  
Thomas Boyer  
Mark Simmons  
Jean Wilson  
Josh Bowes

**All the Members**

Senior Minister  
Pastor Emeritus  
Moderator  
Diaconate Co-Chairperson  
Diaconate Co-Chairperson  
Organist/Music Director  
Treasurer  
Sunday School Supt.  
Sexton



APR. 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sunday Service in the Church and online (Bethany Web Page) 9:30 AM

APR. 12<sup>th</sup> Monday Diaconate Meeting 7:00 PM  
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Diaconate Members by email)

MAY 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday Bethany Indoor/Outdoor Yard sale 9AM-3PM



Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman  
For providing this morning's music.

## FILL THE PEW!

# SUNDAY MAY 2, 2021

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the Narthex. Items help to feed the needy in our local Community. All Donations will help stock the Interfaith Social Services food Pantry in Quincy.



## **ACTS 4:32-35**

Readings from The Acts of The Apostles take the place of Old Testament passages during the seven week Easter Season. Written perhaps as long as fifty years after the resurrection, Acts contains the church's recollection of events rather than contemporary, eye-witness reports. In this brief passage we catch a glimpse of the life of the early Christian community. Motivated by the Holy Spirit, they generously shared what property they possessed.

### **The Believers Share Their Possessions**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **JOHN 20:19-31**

The story of Thomas, the disciple who at first doubted the resurrection, was told to encourage those who had not witnessed that all-important event, yet still believed. The Gospel of John was written some sixty years after the resurrection. Few witnesses remained. The author himself may not have been among those few, but sought to preserve the testimony of the apostles.

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

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.”

### **Jesus and Thomas**

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.”

### **The Purpose of This Book**

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.

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Latin: 14th century

English translation, "New Version," 1698

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, St. 4

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Melody by Robert Williams, c.1781-1821

Harm. by John Roberts, 1822-1877

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing: Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove:

Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day,  
 Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Who did once up - on the cross,  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host,

*In unison*  
 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing:  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Please keep the following people in your prayers.  
Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Powers  
Bill Ericson  
Bob Goodnow  
Estelle Weinberger  
Peter & Grace Wang

Kevin Douglas  
Dorothy Mersereau  
Bill & Carol Harding  
Loraine Walsh

Pam and John Egan  
Frieda Matthews  
Ava Piazza  
David and Jingjing Wang

And all of our at risk members during the COVID-19 crisis

### *Mission Moment:*

To a Christian, Easter Sunday means everything, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

— Bernhard Langer



# **10th Annual Church Yard Sale**

**May 15, 2021**

Thanks to everyone for your support for our past 9 Yard Sales. We are planning our 10th annual Yard Sale and again are accepting donations! Please contact Jean Wilson at 617.698.1646 or the Church office 617.479.7300 if you have items to donate, or drop them off at the Church anytime. We accept clothing, toys, household items, tools, electronics, etc. Please no furniture! Thank you for your support!"



# Children's Worship Bulletin

**Don't Miss Church!**

John 20:19-31

## *Word Search*

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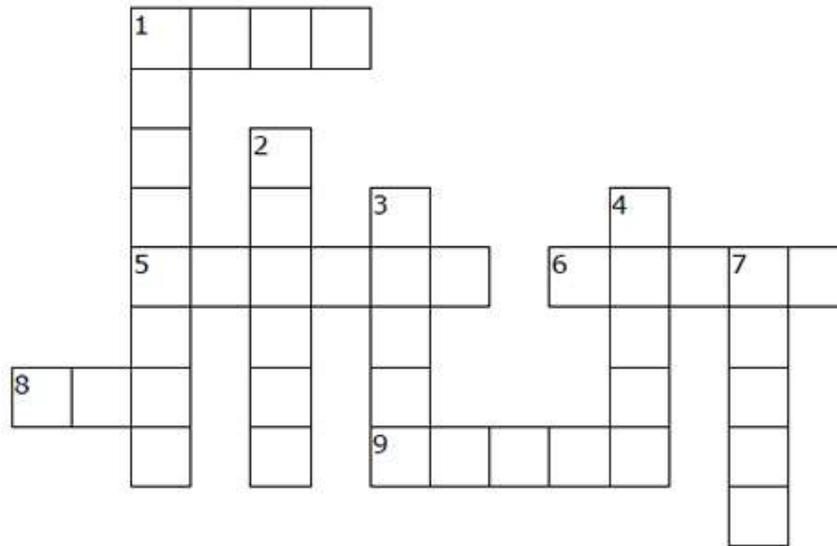
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THOMAS  
JESUS  
DOUBTING  
TOUCHED

TOGETHER  
RECORDED  
LOCKED  
HANDS

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. An entrance into a building or room
5. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. To be in a state of pleasure or delight
8. Breaking a religious or moral law
9. The body parts at the end of the arms

## DOWN

1. Unwilling to believe that something is true
2. Not open
3. To believe in something for which there is no proof
4. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
7. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war

NAILS	PEACE	DOOR	DOUBTING	HAPPY
THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	HANDS	FAITH



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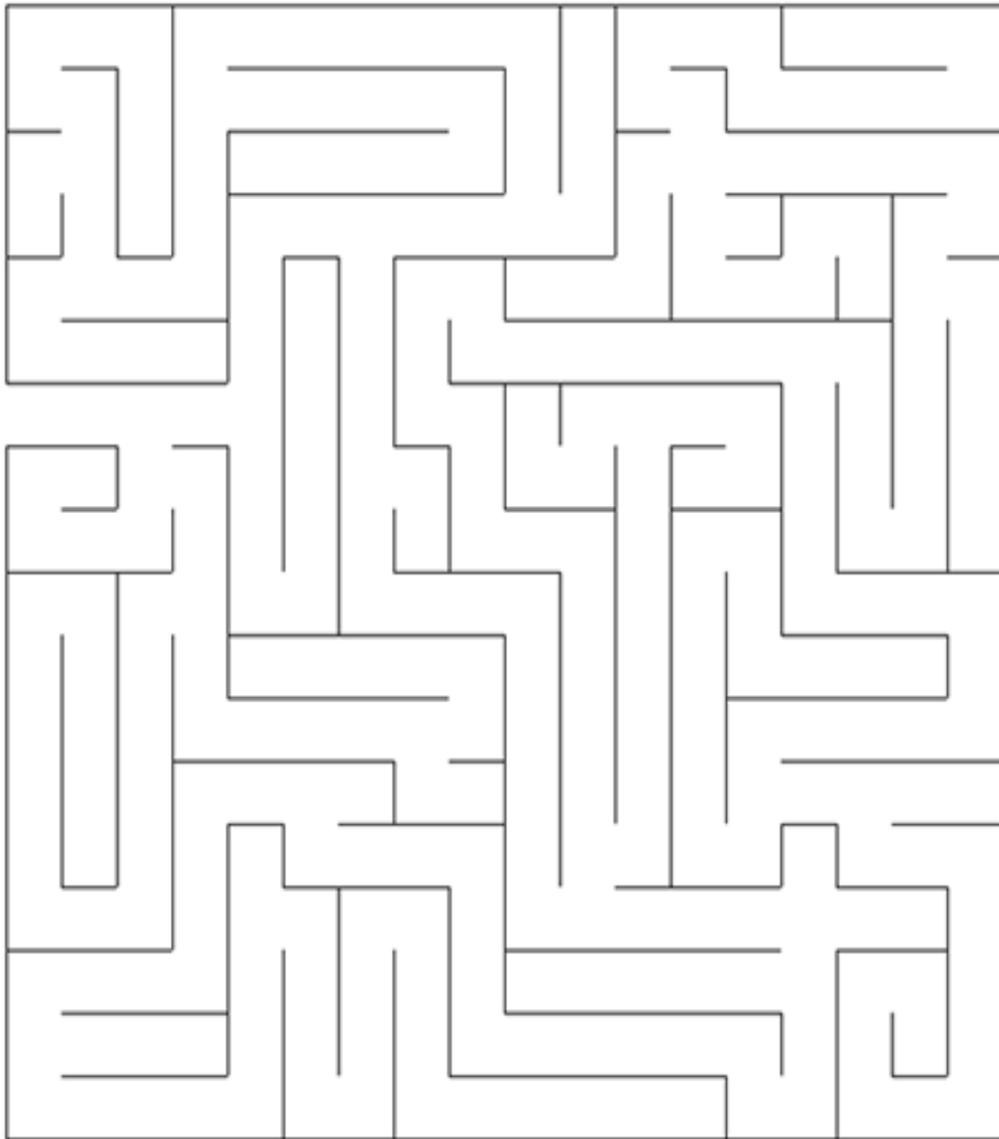
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# Maze Puzzle

Can you find the path from doubting to believing?



**From  
Doubting**



**To  
Believing**



# *Color Me!*



**“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 it.”  
John 20:25**