

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Nadine Fahrlander, Virginia Madsen, Libby Williams, Fred Will, Denny Lange, and Marjorie Hultquist.

Happy Birthday to Valerie Kauk, Phyllis Burnham, Bailee Fries, Euella Johnson, and Libby Williams.

Happy Anniversary to Rhodell & Joyce Jameson—68years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

“**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts of love. We are grateful for the extravagant grace that you have shown us in Jesus Christ, and we now return a portion of this abundance to you. Guide us to use it wisely for the building of your kingdom and for the proclamation of the gospel around the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn “**Grace Greater than Our Sin**” **UMH#365**

Benediction

Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection - the Easter people! AMEN.

Postlude

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13 NIV)

2nd Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship
April 11, 2021

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, please share with us on either one.
2. Please encourage our church family to return to the in-person worship.
3. United Methodist Women's meeting will be held at 9:30 am, April 14.
4. There will be Movie Night at 7:00 pm, April 21, Wednesday. The movie, MINARI, is about the story of Korean American Immigration to a rural area of Arkansas in search of their own American Dream. It scored six Oscar nominations this year. It is FREE!
5. Last week we received offerings of \$7,000. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

P: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

L: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

P: Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

L: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Prayer

God of the resurrection,

we gather this morning

as a community of believers.

We come with joy to greet one another

and to tell again and again the amazing news:

Christ is risen!

Love is victorious over death!

You have given us new life

in the name of your Son!

May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming

be a testimony to the power of your love

to make us a new creation

as a community of faith.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH#322

Children's Message

Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures

Loneta Nolan

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

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, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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!"

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."

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, "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."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

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

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.

Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"United of The Heart!"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"This is the Day of New Beginnings"

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