



Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021
10:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude

Prelude in B-flat Major

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship (Bold = Unison)

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (*Refrain*)

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8, 9

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together our prayer of confession.

Lord, like the Apostle Thomas and the other disciples we have failed to accept your good news as you intend.

You have invited all to your table for new life, yet, in truth we confess your invitation makes us uncomfortable. Those you invite may come and may be so unlike us. Your empty tomb invitation may bring the poor, homeless, hopeless to your table. Lord, we confess that we fear those we don't know or understand. We avoid them and where they live. In truth, we fear coming to know those you love as you love us. God of love, forgive our failures to understand the empty tomb means new life for all. God of mercy, forgive us for devaluing your gift of new life through Jesus Christ who atones for our sins yesterday, today and tomorrow. Lord, hear our prayers and daily show us new ways to share the empty tomb of new life.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of Christ's Peace

Gloria

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUA NO. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Refrain E C#m F#m B
E C#m F#m B E

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4:32-35

4:32 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.

4:33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

4:34 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.

4:35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Children's Message

Epistle

1 John 1:4-7, 2:1-2

1:4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

1:7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2:2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

20:19 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."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 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."

20:26 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."

20:27 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."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 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."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 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.

Sermon

Light and Life

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

Ascription of Praise

Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Risen Lord, all this we ask in your name, for you taught us how to pray with this example:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Offering

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response

Because He Lives

Matt Maher

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

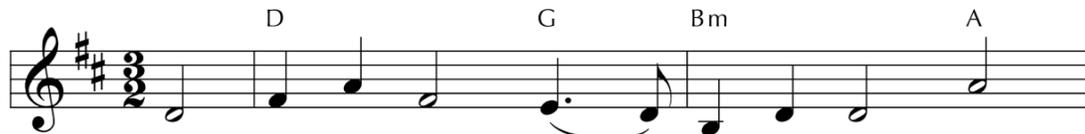
Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

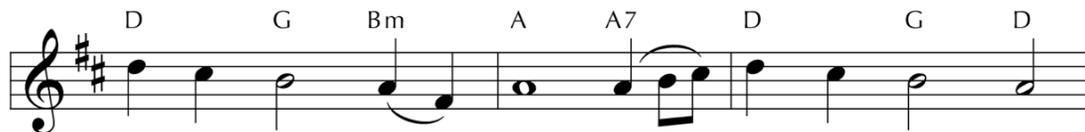
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We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

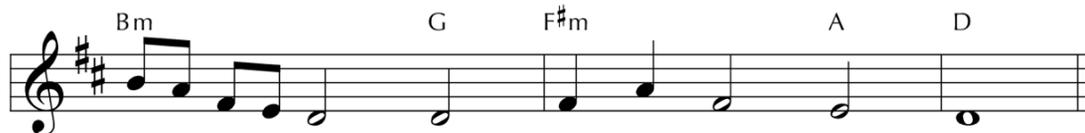
DUNLAP'S CREEK



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation

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Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org - Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Pastoral Concerns

- Prayers of thanks for those who have been able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination
- Pray for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and all churches. Pray for our members and friends, the Session, deacons, teachers and church leaders. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for our nation during our time of transition and pray for peace in the world.

- Pray for Elizabeth Davis, her father and her family
 - Prayers of thanksgiving for friendships which endure, giving us comfort.
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Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

Anna Richardson Raab, videography and production;

Robert Owens, liturgist

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