*Trinity United Methodist Church*

April 16th, 2023 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL WORSHIP FORMAT

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor;

, Liturgist; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

EASTERTIDE!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

When it was evening that first Easter day,

**AND THE DOORS OF THE HOUSE WHERE THE DISCIPLES HAD MET WERE LOCKED FOR FEAR OF THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES,**

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.

**AND WE REJOICE TODAY AS WELL, CONFIDENT IN JESUS’ RESURRECTED POWER! AMEN!**

HYMN # 317 “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

**O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, “My peace be on all here.” Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**“My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen,**

**and yet whose faith hath constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(Following the prayer, the children may leave for Sunday School.)*

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 2206 “Without Seeing You”

**Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;**

**without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you…we believe.**

*SILENT PRAYERS PASTORAL PRAYER*

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**without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you…we believe.**

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31 Liturgist

HOMILY “Our Friend Thomas” Pastor Dave

DOXOLOGY # 94 and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS Liturgist

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN # 312 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!**

**See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!**

**Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!**

**See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!**

BLESSING *God of grace, we do not know the way to You. But we have called, and You have answered us. Salvation's ways are not our own,  
for they belong to You. And so, our hands are open to receive Your gifts. May we find and do your perfect will! Amen.*

POSTLUDE