

Covenant Community Church



Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**People: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's
resurrecting power!**

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!

People: Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Leader: Praise God with the tambourines and dancing!

People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

People: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*Confession

Call to Confession

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Opening Hymn

#258 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture:

John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn

#283 Breathe on Me Breath of God

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

#242 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*Benediction

***Benediction Response**

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Praise be to God!

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

John 20:19-31 New Living Translation

19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.

20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! **21** Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." **22** Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. **25** They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.

30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Music Leader:

Scripture Reader:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Lynn Conver

Susan Turner