

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 24, 2022

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director; Vocalist: Leslie McDonel; UCSJ Choir*
Howard Davidson, Lay Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Montrose

WELCOME

HOWARD DAVIDSON

PRELUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

HOWARD DAVIDSON

WORDS OF COMFORT

*Unlock the doors of fear and doubt.
Let your faith spill into the streets!
Jesus is risen!
Death has no more claim on your life.
In life, in death, in life after death, Christ is your life.*

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on PSALM 150

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the marketplace.

Leader: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God for his greatness.

People: Praise God in the choir stand; praise God in the pews.

Leader: Praise God with the sound of drums and cymbals.

People: Praise God with tambourine and stomping feet.

Leader: Praise God with piano and guitar; praise God with organ and bass.

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Based on JOHN 20:19-31

Today, along with the disciple often called Doubting Thomas we confess that we are often slow to believe. There are times that we refuse to believe unless we see the marks of Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Forgive us Lord for the times we fail to recognize you in our midst. Forgive us Lord for demanding proof! Forgive us Lord for the times when we would rather believe the shouts of Fear, rather than the whispers of Faith. Forgive us Lord and empower us to live lives of faith and witness. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *Now the Green Blade Rises* (J.M.C. Crum, words; French carol, 15th c.)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 311 All Verses **There will be a brief interlude between each verse**

SCRIPTURE **PSALM 30:1-5**

MARGE QUIST

¹ I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.
² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.
³ You brought me up from the grave, O LORD. You kept me from falling into the pit of death.
⁴ Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name.
⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!
Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *O Happy Day* (Edwin R. Hawkins; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

LESLIE MCDONEL, SOLOIST; UCSJ CHOIR

Oh happy day,	He washed my sins away,
Oh happy day,	Oh happy day.
When Jesus washed,	He taught me how to watch,
When Jesus washed,	Fight and pray, fight and pray.
When Jesus washed,	And live rejoicing every day,
	Every day.

GOSPEL **JOHN 20:19-31**

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.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

*Weeping may last through the night,
but joy comes with the morning.*

PSALM 30:5b

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Today's offerings will help support the various ministries within our region and our four affiliated denominations.

Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of boundless love, you restore our strength through faith in your goodness. You look with favor upon us and through Christ who redeems us. You take not yourself from us but promise your presence through the gift of your Spirit. You come from behind to push us and go before us as our guide. Accept now what we bring you in response to your encompassing care of us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

CONGREGATION

(Brian Wren, words; Polish folk tune; adapt. A.E. Rusbridge)

HYMN NO. 293

Verses 1 & 2

BLESSING

HOWARD DAVIDSON

Hear the Good News:

*When Thomas doubted the reports of his closest friends, Jesus continued in his love for Thomas
and made it possible for him to have faith.*

*Walk in faith and confidence—even when doubt rears its ugly head,
remembering that God has promised to be with you to the end of the age. Amen.*

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

HOWARD DAVIDSON

Leader: Go now into the world always knowing that each new day is a new opportunity to start afresh

People: We continue our journey, grateful for the new start each new day brings and confident in the ever living presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

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- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.



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