

**Order of service**  
**April 11, 2021**

**Eastertide: The Second Season of Easter**

**Opening music: Beautiful**  
*By Michael Gungor Band*  
**(Key of D)**

1

All this pain... I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change at all  
All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from the ground at all

Refrain

You make beautiful things  
you make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us.

2

All around life is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos, life is being found in you. R

Bridge:

You make me new, you are making me new R

**Welcome & announcements**

**Note:** Reverend Blair will be away (Spring Break) April 12 to 18, 2021.

**Dedication of the offering**

**Confession & forgiveness**

**The Lord's Prayer**

### **Call to worship**

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth,  
O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people,  
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.  
Isaiah 49.13

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.  
John 20.29

I pray that your inward eyes may be enlightened, so that you may know how vast are  
the resources of his power open to us who have faith.  
Eph 1: 18-19

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord make haste to help us

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory forever.  
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.  
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed:  
O Come, let us worship.

**Opening hymn: Joyful the one who saves**  
(Key of C [G 5th fret])

1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of Glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee  
Op'ning to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

Refrain

You are the one who saves!  
You are the one who saves!  
You are the one who's hands  
Lift us from the grave  
You are the light of life!  
The everlasting day!  
You are the one who takes  
All our sins away!

2

You are giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blessed.  
Fountain of the joy of living,  
Ocean depths of happy rest R

Bridge:

Jesus, you are my rescue, Jesus you are my rescue  
I give you everything I am

Refrain twice

**A time for all God's children**

## **Psalm 133**

How good it for all is to live together in unity.  
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How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
How good it for all is to live together in unity.

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.  
How good it for all is to live together in unity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen

Creator of the universe,  
from whom all things come,  
to whom all things return,  
give your people such unity of heart and mind,  
that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

How good it for all is to live together in unity.

### **A Reading from John 20: 19-29 (English standard version)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Jesus and Thomas

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to

them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

### **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Hymn: Immortal, invisible**

9VU 264; Key of G [chords found in VU])

1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **Hymn: Leaning on the everlasting arms** (Key of G)

1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### **Refrain**

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

## **Sermon**

### **The prayers of the people**

### **Benediction**

#### **The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen

#### **Closing hymn: Precious Lord, take my hand** (Key of G [chords Found in VU])

1

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3

When the darkness appears,  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.