

Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church  
2nd Sunday of Eastertide  
April 19, 2020  
\*\*Please mute your microphone at these times.

## Entrance

\*\*Welcome

Rev. Craig Tuck

\*\*Gathering and Announcements

Call to Worship

Natasha Johnson & Congregation

God calls us to worship,  
AND WE COME!

Some with laughter and songs of joy.  
God calls us to worship,  
AND WE COME!

Some from a sense of obligation or habit.  
God calls us to worship,  
AND WE COME!

Some with hearts heavy with grief.  
God calls us to worship,  
AND WE COME!

Some with distraction or exhaustion.  
God calls us to worship,  
AND WE COME!

Some with eagerness or enthusiasm.  
God calls us to worship,  
AND WE COME!

Some with anxiety and sleeplessness,  
As God's dearly loved children,  
We bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope  
Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

## Proclamation and Response

\*\*Opening Prayer

Rev. Craig Tuck

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Christ is here now, offering us peace. With the Spirit of Christ within us, may we share with one another and a word of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALSO!

*Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020 . Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.*

\*\*First Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSV)

Charles Brockwell

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

AMEN.

\*\*Second Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Rev. Craig Tuck

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 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

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.” 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.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.”

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

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.  
THANKS BE TO GOD.

\*\*Sermon "Convincing Thomas" Rev. Craig Tuck

\*\*Intercessory and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Craig Tuck

[A time of silence will follow each petition.]

Resurrecting God, in a doubting world, keep us in faith that we may have life. We pray for the church universal. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that we may honor and pass on the great inheritance we have received.

KEEP US IN FAITH THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE.

We pray for Mother Earth, that we may touch her wounds with healing care and love.

KEEP US IN FAITH THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE.

We pray for the whole world, its nations, its leaders, and its people, that your wisdom and peace may prevail.

KEEP US IN FAITH THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE.

We pray for all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed, the ill, the dying, and all those who care for them.

KEEP US IN FAITH THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE.

We pray for ourselves, our families, and those we love.

KEEP US IN FAITH THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE.

Blessed are you, O God, who through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, and in the community of the Holy Spirit makes our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world.

In Christ, you gave us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading, now and forever. So, we pray as Christ Jesus teaches us to pray:

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE THY NAME  
THY KINGDOM COME,  
THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.  
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.  
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,  
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,  
FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost (pp. 140-141).  
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## **Sending Forth**

\*\*Dismissal with Blessing

Rev. Craig Tuck

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