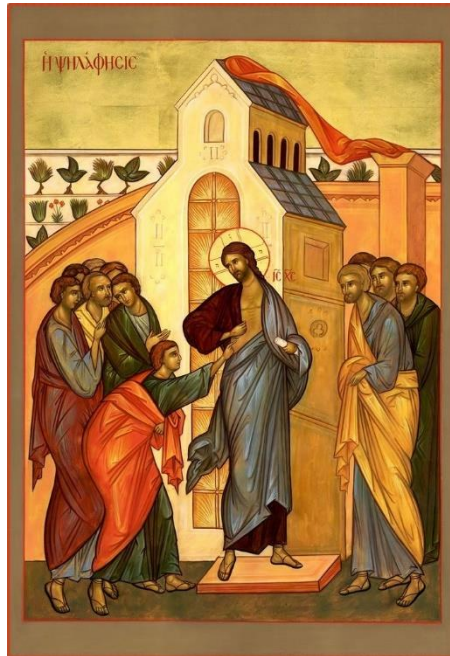


*Worship for*  
*Sunday, April 19, 2020*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
**10:00 AM**



To participate in this special worship event go to:  
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**Prelude:**

**It Is Well With My Soul**

**#377 UMH**

Words: Horatio G. Spafford (1873). Music: Philip P. Bliss(1876).

**W**hen peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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**Refrain:**

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
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**T**hough Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

**REFRAIN**

**M**y sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

**REFRAIN**

**A**nd Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

**REFRAIN**

**Call to Worship:**

Karen and John Steelhammer

One: When the doors of the house were locked and the world was kept out,  
**Many: resurrection found the disciples.**

One: When we are quarantined in our homes and the world waits outside,  
**Many: resurrection finds us.**

One: When fear paralyzes and doubts demand proof,  
**Many: resurrection found the disciples.**

One: When faith without proof leads us to believe,  
**Many: resurrection finds us.**

One: When other signs are witnessed but not recorded,  
**Many: resurrection found the disciples.**

One: When Christ gathers with all his followers in living worship – online and in-person,  
**Many: resurrection finds us.**

**Opening Hymn:****Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!**

#253 NCH

Edmond Louis Budry. (1904). A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité! (Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!).  
Translation. The New Century Hymnal. (1993).

**Y**ours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;

conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

**S**ee, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared;

do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;

tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

**A**m I still frightened? One whom I adore,

Jesus, lives again, gives peace forevermore.

Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head;

Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

**Invocation:**

Nathaniel Blanchard

Gracious God, we arrive this morning - still your Easter people - seeking a grounded faith in an unsettled time. Our story today is about physically connecting with Jesus and one another, and yet we are kept apart. We can't reach into one another's wounds if we are apart, can we? But you connect us across time and space, allowing us to feel one another's pain and pray for one another's trials. In this time of worship, draw close to us Holy One and draw us close to one another, through your Spirit, through your stories, in Your Name and in Your Presence. Come Holy Spirit, come. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Children's Message:**

Rev. Jen Paty

## Scripture Readings

### Psalm 16 (NRSV):

The Maine Conference Staff

A Miktam of David.

**1** Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2** I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

**3** As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

**4** Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

**5** The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**6** The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

**7** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8** I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**10** For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**11** You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### John 20:19-31 (NRSV):

Anne Hodgman

**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.

### **Sermon:**

### ***"Quarantined Resurrection"***

A Dialogue among Rev. Dr. Ron Baard, Rev. Deborah Blood, Rev. Darren Morgan and Rev. Jen Paty.

### **Prayers of the People (Litanies # 878 NCH):**

### **A Litany of Intercession**

Rev. Dr. Ron Baard

Gracious God, who loves all and forgets none, we bring to you our prayers for all your children,

For all whom we love, watch over and care for...

For all prisoners and captives, and all who suffer from oppression, that you manifest your mercy toward them, and make all hearts as merciful as your own...

For all who bear the cross of suffering, the sick in body or mind...

For all those who are troubled by the sin or suffering of those they love...

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrow of others, and know the saving grace of the cross...

For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life and overshadowed with doubt, that your light may guide them...

For all who are tried by temptations or weakness, that your mercy may be their strength...

For all who are lonely or sad in the midst of others' joy, that they may know you as their friend and comforter...

For the infirm and aged and for all who are dying, that they may find their strength in you and light at evening time...

For all forgotten by us, but dear to you...

O compassionate God, hear our prayers, answer them according to your will, and make us channels of your infinite grace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**Offertory:**

Renita Dehais

In this time of pandemic, with its attendant fear and anxiety, we turn to our church communities even more strongly. And it is even more important that we support them financially, even while we are physically separate. Our Spiritual connections and needs have only strengthened during this time. May our gifts of time, talent and treasure increase as well. Please make a gift to your church during this time, whether online, or by writing and mailing a check. You can also use the Maine Conference website to make an online donation to your local church.

**Let us join together in this Prayer of Dedication:**

**O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, we pray you will take these gifts and multiply them for your purposes.**

**In this time of uncertainty, may we remain certain of your love, your abundance and our need for you and one another.**

**May our gifts follow your Will so that our church and our world are made stronger, more loving and more just.**

**We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:****Peace I Leave with You, My Friends****#377 UMH**

Ray Repp. (1967). Peace I Leave with You, My Friends. The New Century Hymnal. (1994).

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**Refrain:**

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends.

I give to you so you can give to others, too.  
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**T**o share God's love is why I came, to show God's kindness without end.

Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again.

**REFRAIN**

**T**ake my hand and be at peace; the spirit of our love I send.

And with this love you will be free, until I come again.

**REFRAIN**

**W**ith this love now all will know that loneliness is at an end.

Rejoice, my friends, although I go, for I will come again.

**REFRAIN****Benediction:**

Rev. Deborah Blood

Now go forth to love and serve our God. Go out with curiosity and courage to engage this new day. Go out on zoom and Facebook live and Go to Meeting and Skype to spread God's love and justice. Go forth with open hearts, and voices lifted up on behalf of those who are most in need. Amen.

Ancient Irish; translated by Mary E. Byrne (1905), versed by Eleanor H. Hull (1912).  
Be Thou My Vision. The United Methodist Hymnal. (1989).

**B**e thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

**B**e thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**G**reat God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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