

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.

John 20:29

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas
Caravaggio (1602)

Sunday, April 7, 2024
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Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach/Biggs

Vincent Wu, 8th grader, Fenn School

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

Resurrecting God, we still do not fully understand. Despite our deepest hope, we betrayed Jesus for money. Despite our bravest promise, we denied we knew him, because it was scary. Forgive us, today, for the sins we commit that condemn others to pain and death. Forgive us, today, for the times we failed to intercede with love and justice.

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

John 20:19-29

Blessing

Sermon

"Doubt is to awe, as certainty is to distraction"

Choir Anthem

Canticle for Easter

Haydn, Mozart/Williams

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.

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Home

Gjielo

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

First Verse (Choir)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

God, look what your love can do

Praise Father, Son and Spirit too

Second Verse (All)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

God, look what your love can do

Praise Mother, Daughter, Spirit too.

Third Verse (All)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

God, look what your love can do

Creator, Christ, and Spirit too

Holy Communion

This morning, the bread is allergen free, so that we may all partake together. A Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Bring both back to the pew with you, so that we may eat together. We would be happy to bring the elements to you; just let the Deacon know as they come by.

Invitation

Opening Prayer

Responsive Consecration

Instructions

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

NCH 330/PH 288

Closing Prayer

Precious Lord, for all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we give you thanks. Patient Jesus, for the daily bread that you offer us, and for sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. Powerful Spirit, for the unity that you create, we lift up your name: Jesus Christ our Head, Amen.

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20th Anniversary of Greg's Ministry

*Remarks by Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly
Presentation of Congregational Gift*

Blessing of the Runners

*Closing Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *Allegro* *Walther*



Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

CANTICLE FOR EASTER

Haydn, arr. by Williams

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Christ is risen! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
We, with Him, to life eternal by His resurrection rise.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise and honor let us bring
Unto Christ the hope of glory, unto Him the King of kings.
Ev'ry knee now bow before Him, ev'ry tongue confess Him Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia! He will reign for evermore!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

* *As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Latin: 14th century
 English translation, "New Version," 1698
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, St. 4

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias
 Melody by Robert Williams, c.1781-1821
 Harm. by John Roberts, 1822-1877

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove:

Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day,
 Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King,
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host,

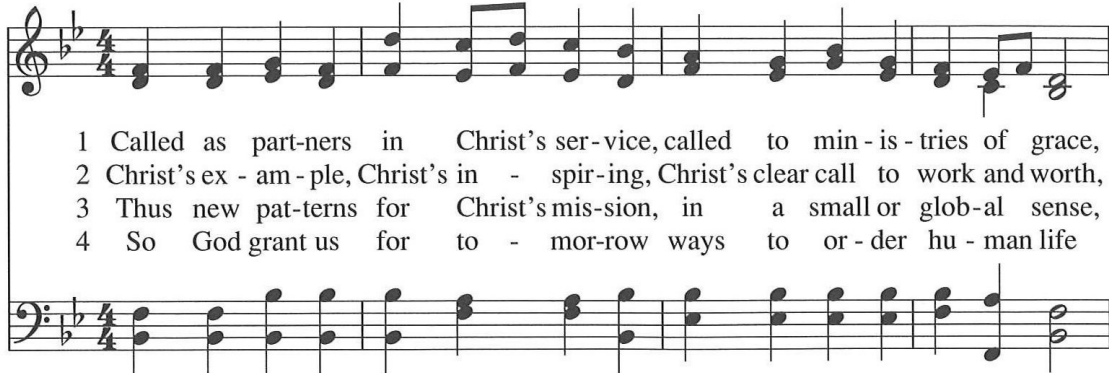
In unison
 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing:
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

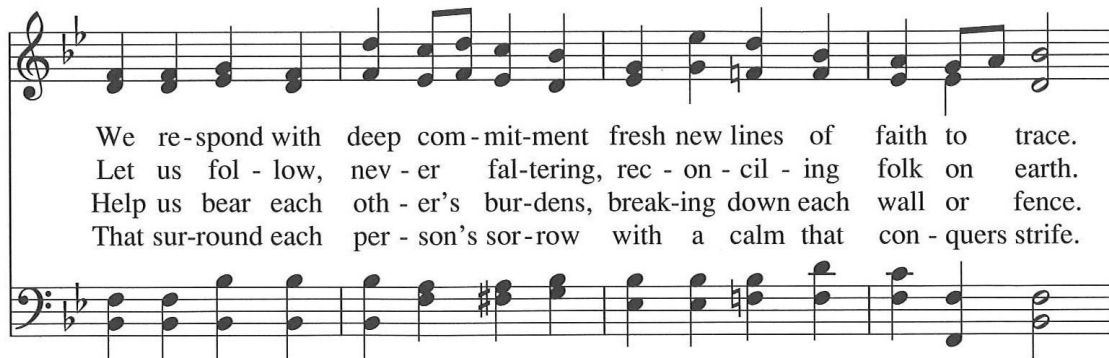
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

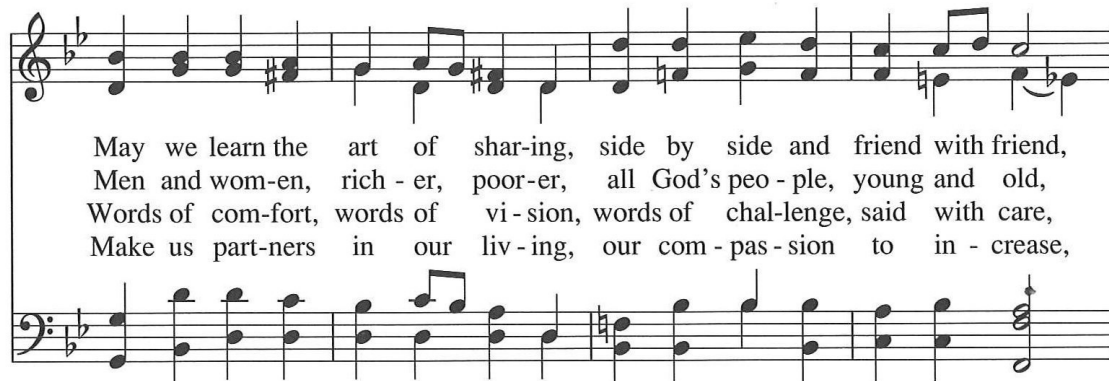
John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



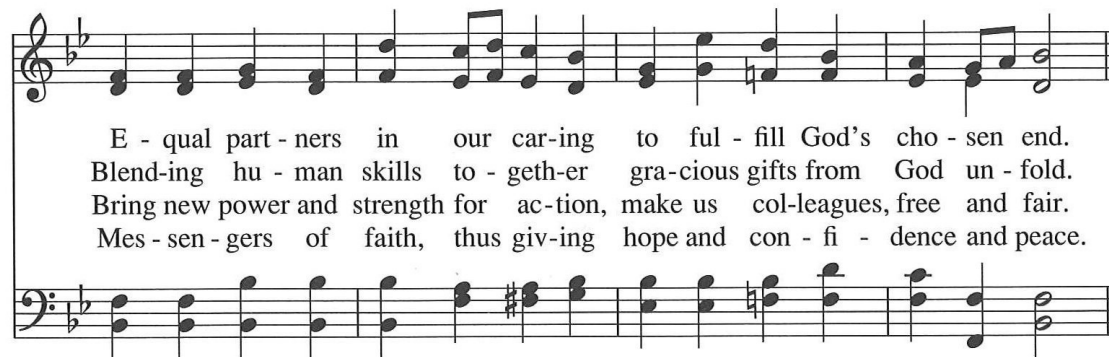
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368

Bulletin Reminders

Each week, after worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE, MAY 17/18

The Pre-Loved Clothing Sale will take place on Friday evening, **May 17**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As always, we need lots of volunteers to help sort and set up the sale. For questions and to offer your help, please contact Mattie Schadt at 774.217.3477.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, MAY 18

The Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. The Plant Sale seeks volunteers for setup and staffing. All gardeners, interested novices, and anyone willing to help is welcome. Please join the fun! Volunteers should contact **Ellen Rivoir** or **Leona Dalton**.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION NOW WEEKLY

A scripture discussion will now occur every Sunday, in the Parlor, beginning 30 minutes after the service. Weeks 1 and 3 will be led by Shari Van Hook, and weeks 2 and 4 by Meg Doucette. All are welcome.

APRIL COFFEE KLATCH

Thank you to the March Coffee Klatch! April Klatch leaders are **Meg Doucette** and **Elizabeth Tustian**, who will be contacting April Klatch members in the coming weeks.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH MARATHONERS

*"I'm **Maggie Musoke** and I'm running the Boston Marathon for the first time. I'm excited to check that box off as it's been one of my dreams, but most importantly it's in combination with a cause. I'm running for the different outreach and support programs that Ashland supports."*

*"I'm **Vernon Turner**, and on April 15, I will be running my 4th Boston Marathon and 10th overall. I am running the race to bring awareness to the Trevor Project while raising funds towards its operating expenses."*

See your Wednesday Email for links to contribute.

Friends of the Framingham Library

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10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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(Friends members may enter at 9:30 a.m.)



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- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

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- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).