

# PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16:7-9

**Leader:** Come, bless the Lord who guides us, whose wise teaching directs our days and focuses our minds at night; whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.

**People:** We bless the Lord who is present among us.

We will not be shaken or live in fear,  
but will sing God's praise and worship with joy!

### Prayer of Praise

Nancy Townley

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus among us. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage. Challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE – Thine Is the Glory

*Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.*

*No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life! Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.*

### SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### ANTHEM – Blessed Assurance

Tom Ballou

### SERMON

Cindy Kissel-Ito

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

## FOR CHILDREN

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

***"God has made everything beautiful in its time"***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Everlasting God, you call us to live fully- you remind us that you mark us for goodness in life. Though we have not felt the breath of your presence like the disciples, we have felt you close to us. Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve each other in love, we have signs of your closeness to us. You offer us lives full of promise and possibility. Help us to grasp your gifts- allowing ourselves to be free to be the people you believe we are, both as individuals and as a church. Make us witnesses to our faith that others may experience your loving presence.

**We offer prayers for all those around the world whose lives have been changed by COVID-19. Draw near to all who live in fear; refresh all who are dispirited; restore the lonely; strengthen those who grieve. Empower us to minister in your name, even in these challenging times. We pray as those who live in the face of death, believing that you are with us.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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### SONG OF RESPONSE – *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of our.*

*In vain we tune our formal songs, In vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues, And our devotion dies.*

*Dear Lord, and shall we ever live At this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION 1 PETER 5:10

**PEOPLE: Peace be with you!**

*Amen!*