

FIRST CHURCH RIVERSIDE
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A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Order of Sunday Online Worship
April 19, 2020, 10 a.m. Second Sunday of Easter
With the Rev. Beverly Devine

OPENING MUSIC: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" / The Response (John Zeeb, Steve Grimes, Jeff Ashworth, and John Simmons)

GREETING / Rev. Beverly Devine

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP / Rev. Devine & All

Come awake! The light of God is breaking through the darkness.

We bless the light, an everlasting sign of hope in times of trouble.

Do not fear!

The love of Christ opens up a space of respite and peace for us.

Lord, bless our sacred spaces,

familiar rooms become sanctuaries of hope.

We delight in the gifts of the Spirit, who welcomes each and all.

Surely goodness and mercy have found us,

Wherever we are,

We are near to the heart of our Lord,

the God of abounding love for all. Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN: #162 "Alleluia, Alleluia" / All

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Rev. Beverly Devine

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSV)

A Living Hope

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.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

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."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), 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."

The Purpose of This Book

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.

(L) May God bless our understanding of this reading.

(P) Amen

SERMON: "In This Very Room" / Rev. Beverly Devine, Guest Preacher

INVITATION TO OFFERING / Rev. Devine

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / Rev. Devine & All

Gracious God of Light and Hope:

We bring our offering to your altar this morning, still riding the joy of our Easter celebration of your triumph over the grave! Scripture has reminded us that we have been given the pathway for new birth, the promise of an imperishable heavenly inheritance, and the power of God's protection.

We offer ourselves to make this good news known to those who have not yet heard it. With praise and thanksgiving, we dedicate these gifts. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS / Rev. Beverly Devine & All

Lord, in your blessing...Lord in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER / Rev. Beverly Devine

LORD'S PRAYER / All

**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, 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, forever and ever.
Amen.

FAREWELL TO THE BRUGGEMAN FAMILY / Pastor J. T. Kim & All

(Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship #392)

(Pastor) The church is a family. United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are all brothers and sisters. And, for a time, First United Methodist Church of Riverside is our home. Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place.

For a time, Gary and Paulette Bruggeman have lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad, we have shared each other's joys and sorrows, we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived.

(Congregation) **We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives.**

(Congregation and Pastor) **We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.**

(Pastor) O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people. We humbly place in your hands Gary and Paulette of this congregation who are about to leave us. Keep and preserve them, O Lord, in all health and safety, both of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All) **Amen.**

(Congregation and Pastor) **Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you.**

(All) **Amen.**

(The Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation & a Prayer Shawl for Gary & Paulette follows)

HYMN: #707 "Hymn of Promise" / All

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.**

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

BENEDICTION / *Pastor & Congregation Sing*

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus... Is in this very room.

SILENCE

SENDING FORTH: *"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"* / The Response