

The First Baptist Church at Worship
2nd Sunday of Easter / Communion Sunday

May 1, 2011 10:30 AM

A guide to your meditation as you listen to the prelude and
prepare your minds and hearts for worship.

“Even though [Jesus] said the greater blessing is for those who can believe without seeing, it’s hard to imagine that there’s any believer anywhere who wouldn’t have traded places with Thomas, given the chance, and seen that face and heard that voice and touched those ruined hands.”

-Frederick Buechner

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

What Grace Is This! John W. Peterson
Holy Art Thou
Sanctus from the “St. Cecilia Mass” Charles Gounod
Paeon for the Easter Festival Ellen Jane Lorenz

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious - #220

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #195 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*
WESNATE

Written in 1979 and set to a new hymn tune WESNATE, our opening hymn was written to remind us of at least two things: We Christians should be very excited about Christ’s resurrection and we should raise our voices in proclamation.

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Jim Earnest

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #208 *He Is Lord*
HE IS LORD

**He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD
from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand,
and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God’s Word

THE RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Nate Owens

Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11

Musical Response:

Celtic Alleluia (arr. Ray Landis)



Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.’**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

People: **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places; I have a goodly heritage.** [Musical Response]

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

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

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

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

Leader: You show me the path of life.

People: **In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**
[Musical Response]

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Today the Lord Is Risen John Helgen

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

John 20:19-31: 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they

are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#235 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
TRENTHAM

Edwin Hatch was an Anglican minister and professor at Trinity College in Canada. He wrote this hymn as a prayer to help us to understand God’s will. The analogy of being filled with God’s breath reminds us that the most basic sustenance for living comes from God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#387 v.1 *God Who Made Us ...*
GALILEE

**God who made us, Christ who calls us,
Breath who guides us in the Way,
Hear the humble words we whisper
As we dare to bow and pray.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

THE SERMON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

“Enough to Believe”

The Response of God’s People

THE OFFERTORY

Debbie Lindley

There Is a Saviour arr. Tunney

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#653 v.1 *Lord, You Give ...*
BEECHER

**Lord, You give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nate Owens

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

Ryan Gade

Ryan joins by Letter from Shadow Mountain Community Church, El Cajon, CA. His faith partner is Dr. Rod Kennedy.

Dorian Glover

Dorian joins by Baptism (4.17.11). His faith partner is Dr. Rod Kennedy.

Roger Piatt

Roger joins by Statement of Faith. His faith partner is David Gouge.

Warren and Judy Williams

Warren & Judy join by Letter from Trinity Baptist Church, Dayton OH. Their faith partner is Rev. Jim Earnest.

Celebration of Holy Communion

(Celebrants: Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Marcus)

INVITATION

Dr. Kennedy

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Kennedy

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;
we have not loved ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

WORDS OF PARDON

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Kennedy

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

BREAKING THE BREAD

Dr. Kennedy

Jesus, at Your Holy Table - #466
Chancel Choir

SHARING THE CUP

Rev. Marcus

Sun of My Soul from Katholisches Gesangbuch
setting by Betty Jean Chatham
Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Rev. Marcus

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #218 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*
ST. KEVIN

This hymn is attributed to John of Damascus in the eighth century. It was written for St. Thomas Sunday, the first Sunday after Resurrection Sunday. As with our opening hymn, we are reminded about the joy of Christ's resurrection.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #513 *Go Now In Peace*
EARTH AND STARS (abridged)

**Go now in peace. Worship is ending;
service begins as you go from this place.
Taught by God's Word, safe in God's tending,
hold to the path that will run the good race.**

*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

Fantasia on a Russian Hymn Alexis F. Lusu
God the Omnipotent!



Worship Notes

When it comes to our questions and experiences of the risen Christ, many of us can identify with the disciple, Thomas, popularly known as "Doubting Thomas." It was a challenge for Thomas to believe in a resurrected Jesus with no evidence, save the testimony of the other disciples; and it is a challenge for us to do the same. Thomas wanted evidence, he wanted proof; and honestly so do we. Thomas got his proof. And although Jesus tells Thomas and all who read John's gospel that "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe," many of us still want our proof. So where is the evidence, the proof? What gives us the confidence to say, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"?

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Baptist Church of Dayton

2nd Sunday of Easter



"The Incredulity of St. Thomas" Caravaggio c.1602-1603

Our Mission Statement:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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