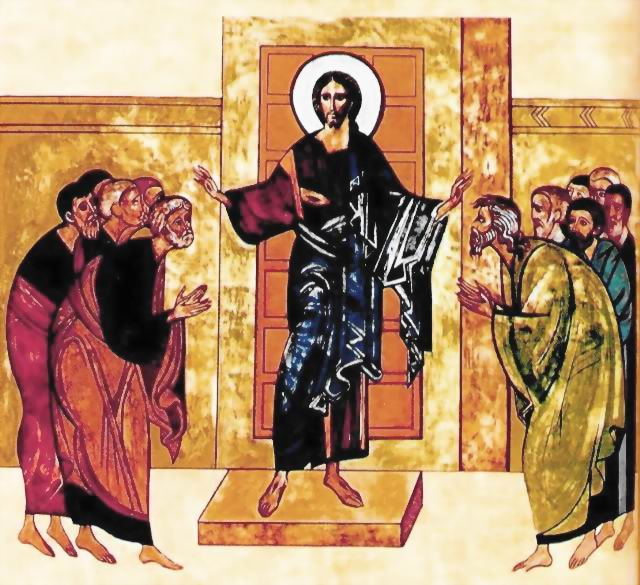
**First Free Methodist Church of Saginaw**

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



*“After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.”*

*(John 20:20)*

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**Prelude**

**\*\*Greeting/Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*spoken responsively*)

L: Come broken and weary, come battered and bruised

**P: My Jesus makes all things new**

L: Come lost and abandoned, come blown by the wind

**P: He'll bring you back home again**

L: The world was good, the world is fallen

**P: The world is being redeemed**

L: Hold on to the promise, the stories are true

**P: Jesus makes all things new; He makes all things new!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Our God Reigns” #268 (vv.1-3)

**How lovely on the mountains**

**Are the feet of him**

**Who brings good news, good news**

**Announcing peace, proclaiming**

**News of happiness**

**Our God reigns; our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**He had no stately form**

**He had no majesty**

**That we should be**

**drawn to Him**

**He was despised**

**and we took no account of Him**

**Yet now He reigns**

**With the Most High**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Out of the tomb He came**

**With grace and majesty**

**He is alive, He is alive**

**God loves us so see here His hands**

**His feet, His side**

**Yes, we know He is alive**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

L: We praise you, O God, we acclaim You as Lord. All creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise. Enlighten us with your wisdom this day. Empower us with your spirit as we worship you. Fill us with your love and mission as we respond to your message. Renew our hope for this world, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples…

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father​**

**And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.​**

**As it was in the beginning​**

**Is now and ever shall be.​**

**World without end. ​**

**Amen. Amen.​**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn:** “One Day #210 (vv.1-2,4-5)

**One day when heaven was filled with His praises**

**One day when sin was as black as could be**

**Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin**

**Dwelt among men, my example is He**

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me**

**Buried, He carried my sins far away**

**Rising, He justified freely, forever**

**One day He’s coming O glorious day**

**One day they led Him up Calvary’s mountain**

**One day they nailed Him to die on the tree**

**Suffering anguish, despised and rejected**

**Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He**

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me**

**Buried, He carried my sins far away**

**Rising, He justified freely, forever**

**One day He’s coming O glorious day**

**One day the grave could conceal Him no longer**

**One day the stone rolled away from the door**

**Then He arose, over death He had conquered**

**Now is ascended, my Lord ever more**

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me**

**Buried, He carried my sins far away**

**Rising, He justified freely, forever**

**One day He’s coming O glorious day**

**One day the trumpet will sound for His coming**

**One day the skies with His glory will shine**

**Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing**

**Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine**

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me**

**Buried, He carried my sins far away**

**Rising, He justified freely, forever**

**One day He’s coming O glorious day**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**P: Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You: Father, of majesty unbounded, Your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide. You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When You became incarnate to set us free You humbly accepted the Virgin’s womb. You overcame the sting of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God’s right hand in glory. We believe that You will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.**

**Baptism**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Gospel Lesson**: 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.

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in Your Mercy…

**P: Hear our prayer.**

**Hymn of Response:** “Joy Unspeakable” #423 (vv.1,3-4)

**I have found His grace is all complete**

**He supplieth every need**

**While I sit and learn at Jesus’ feet**

**I am free, yes, free indeed**

**It is joy unspeakable and full of glory**

**Full of glory, full of glory**

**It is joy unspeakable and full of glory**

**Oh, the half has never yet been told**

**I have found that hope so bright and clear**

**Living in the realm of grace**

**Oh, the Savior’s presence is so near**

**I can see His smiling face**

**It is joy unspeakable and full of glory**

**Full of glory, full of glory**

**It is joy unspeakable and full of glory**

**Oh, the half has never yet been told**

**I have found the joy no tongue can tell**

**How its waves of glory roll**

**It is like a great o’erflowing well**

**Springing up within my soul**

**It is joy unspeakable and full of glory**

**Full of glory, full of glory**

**It is joy unspeakable and full of glory**

**Oh, the half has never yet been told**

**Invitation of Offering**

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness, as we collect this morning’s tithes and offerings.

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “There’s Something About That Name” #148

**Jesus Jesus Jesus**

**There’s something about that name**

**Master savior Jesus**

**It's like the fragrance after rain**

**Jesus Jesus Jesus**

**Let Heaven and Earth proclaim**

**Kings and kingdoms will all pass away**

**There is something about that name**

**\*Benediction**

L: And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the glory and power forever and ever. Go in peace to love and serve. Amen.