

Ephraim Moravian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

“Après un Rêve” - by Gabriel Fauré

Watchword for the Week: *“If we walk in the light as God is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” - 1 John 1:7*

Hymn #362 (v. 1 & 5): “Christ is Alive!”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
The cross stands empty to the sky
Let streets and homes with praises ring
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age
‘Til earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response (#476):

*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord
He is the mighty King, Master of everything
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages
Almighty God is He
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord. Amen.*

The Holy Scriptures: 1 John 1 - 2:2
John 20: 19 - 31

Reflection

“Sitting at the Feet of Jesus” - by Joseph Hall

Sermon

Benediction

“How Majestic Is Your Name” - by Michael W. Smith

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“The Faith to Doubt” – Reflection by Pastor Dan G. Olson

This might surprise you, but the word “*doubt*” does not appear in the original Greek of today’s Gospel text in John 20. Yet we have the arrogance to place it on the lips of Jesus as if to confine Thomas to perdition. For centuries we have self-righteously condemned Thomas as weak and unworthy. Yet even if we allow that “doubt” is at work here, the fact is that whomever has not doubted or questioned faith has not come to terms with it - or themselves.

We might more properly call Thomas, “*Bargaining!*” He asks, wonders, even hopes. “*If I have historical proof...if I have a sign...if a near-death experience verifies...if God would do...If Jesus will cure...then I will believe in Jesus.*” Thomas’ biggest fault and abiding joy was that he was incurably and fallibly human.

We replicate that bargaining every time we determine how Jesus shall operate in this world and in our lives. We cannot ground our faith upon that which we demand of God or upon having all our conditions met.

Rather, Life, Resurrection and Faith come when we are captured by God’s Spirit from within. Then we say, with Thomas, “My Lord and My God!”

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