



# Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

10:00AM

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

O living Lord, on the first Easter Day you stood in the midst of your disciples as the conqueror of sin and death and spoke to them your peace. Come to us, we pray, in your risen power and make us glad with your presence, and so breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may be strong to serve you and spread abroad your good news, for the glory of your great name. Amen.

**\*Hymn #529** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

### **Call to Confession**

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

*(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

### **\*Passing the Peace**

### **Prayer of Illumination** *(in unison)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Speak to us now as you have spoken to us throughout the ages. On this glorious Easter, reveal yourself and your will for our lives, that we might live as your Easter people. We seek your face, O Lord; hear our prayer through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### **Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>[c]</sup>), one of the twelve, was not with them 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 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> 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.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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**      ***“My Lord and My God”** Rev. Julie Thompson-Barrier*

**Hymn**        *#286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure.

Thanks be to God; whose love creates us!

Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us!

Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn**        *#268 Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Benediction**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Guest Preacher**

Today we welcome the Rev. Julie Thompson-Barrier. Julie serves as the Transitional Pastor of the Presbyterian Church on the Hill in Ocean Twp. She lives in Red Bank with her husband and two daughters. Julie is a native of Washington County, PA—like Pastor Alan. In fact, they went to rival high schools, but they didn't meet until Pastor Alan came to Freehold.

### **Worship Schedule** **April 18: In-Person and online** **April 25: Online**

<b>SESSION</b>	
Beth Sulzberg	Finance Commission
Sandra Whitehill	Mission Commissions
Sue Stoia	Outreach Commission
Tammy Ciok	Personnel Commission
Barry Fitz	Worship Commission
Yvonne Linder	Worship Commission
Linda Schmidt	Christian Education

<b>Mar-21</b>		<b>Apr-21</b>	
	Member Giving		Member Giving
7-Mar	\$ 3,831	4-Apr	\$ 4,960
14-Mar	\$ 310	11-Apr	
21-Mar	\$ 3,330	18-Apr	
28-Mar	\$ 845	25-Apr	
Total Member Giving	\$ 8,316	Total Member Giving	\$ 4,960
Budget	\$ 15,000	Budget	\$ 15,000