

Brookside Congregational Church, UCC
April 18, 2021 – 10:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter
Rev. Laura Biddle, Interim Minister
Kim Whitehead, Minister of Music

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The **flowers** this morning are given in honor of my very wonderful daughter Sandra Leigh on her birthday, by Leigh Polish

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN Yours is the Glory, resurrected One! (vs 1,2) N 253
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won. Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away; conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing; tell it without ceasing; Death has lost its sting. refrain

GOSPEL 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.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Seeing is Believing

Rev. Laura

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day (vs 1,2) N 241
Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with bright array; For when the Apostles hid in fear, the Risen Christ to them appeared.

O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come take our hearts to be your own, that we may give you all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

OFFERTORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE