

Woodridge Congregational Church – UCC

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter Worship

Gathering Music *Variations on a Theme* Eric Satie
arr. Dick Halligan
- Nancy Quintiliani, flute; transcription: Bob Ryan

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Psalm 4 (NRSV)

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

Edmond L. Budry, 1854-1932
Tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with Refrain
Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-quiring Son; End - less is the
2 Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-querors,

Rolled the stone a way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

REFRAIN

Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-quiring Son;
To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

Scripture Reading: John 20: 19 - 29 (NRSV)

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Sermon "The Patron Saint of Those Who Doubt"

Rev. Scott Spencer

Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller
Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment
in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering & Dedication

Benediction

Benediction Response

Go in Peace

K. E. White

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Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the
peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new
life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.