

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if you would like to follow along Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

**Prelude**: 233 "The Day of Resurrection" Ruthanne Schempf

# Welcome CALL TO WORSHIP

When doors were shut and the world was kept out, resurrection found the disciples. When the church gathers and the world waits outside, resurrection finds us. When fear grew and new questions were found, resurrection found the disciples. When faith leads us into new questions about life, resurrection finds us. When suffering remained and the city was hostile, resurrection found the disciples. When Christ gathers with his followers in living worship resurrection finds us.

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Response: 426 "Christ is Alive"

Ruthanne Schempf, piano Greg Ransom, guitar

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we proclaim that Christ is risen. But today, we are fearful. We confess our anxiety, our worry. Forgive us for turning inward as we fear. For forgetting our neighbors. For taking more than we need. Help us to become shaped by Easter and to live with the hope of resurrection and the gift of your peace. Amen

Silent Prayers

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ has died.
Christ is risen!
Because of this, we are forgiven,
we are set free to live and love in the way of Christ
Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	Sally Mattausch
Scripture	Sally Mattausch
Psalm 133	

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! <sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

#### John 20:19-31

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."30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Time

**Music for Reflection:** 256 "These Things Did Thomas..." Ruthanne Schempf, piano Greg Ransom, guitar

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Fling Wide the Gates"

Ruthanne Schempf, organ

John Stainer

Arr. Roger Wilson