



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 11, 2021

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Sippel, Minister of Congregational Engagement

HYMN “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (#157 green hymnal)

Lori Yost, Musician; Emma Patrimonio, Vocals

INTRODUCTION & THEME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Walk in the light of his love.

Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia! Alleluia!” (#365 blue hymnal v. 1 & 2))

OPENING PRAYER

PEACE

HYMN “Be Still, My Soul” (#712 blue hymnal v. 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

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.

MESSAGE “What Now?”

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG “He Lives” (#368 blue hymnal v. 1 & 3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule: 8:30 a.m. virtual worship on our website or facebook page. In-person worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Watch recording of service anytime after noon on Sundays. Pre-register for in-person if possible on our website home page www.firstreformedchurch.com "Worship Registration"

Communion Offering for April Will Support Bessie Green Community: Bessie Green Community, Inc. has been feeding, clothing and supporting the homeless and underserved population of Newark since 1978. Everyday, they seek to fulfill their mission of "Feeding, clothing, and supporting our neighbors with compassion and dignity". To donate, place your offering in the collection kiosk after worship during April, mail your check to the office or donate securely online on our website www.firstreformedchurch.com.

Finance Manager Dolores Wagoner to Transition Off Staff in 2021: We are asking our members and friends to please consider people you know who may be a qualified candidate for the Finance Manager position. The position is part-time – minimum 20 hours/week, flexible Mon – Fri. The Finance Manager must ensure the ethical and legal handling of all church funds. The successful candidate is a relational, creative leader, with experience in fund accounting and financial processes. Visit www.firstreformedchurch.com (Connect/Job Openings) to view job description or contact Dolores Wagoner at dolores@frc-pp.org for information or to submit your resume for consideration.

In Person Youth Group Returns on April 14th: FUEL youth group gatherings for middle school and high school youth will resume in-person meetings on Wednesday, April 14th. We'll meet from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Friendship Hall and the Youth Room. Participants will need to wear a face covering and bring a bottle of water. Safe practices will be in place, and activities will be chosen with these health and safety in mind. Come join your friends for fun and fellowship.

Register Now For First Communion Class: A class for children in 2nd grade & up interested in participating in the Lord's Supper will be held on May 16th & 23rd during the 10 AM worship service. If the session is filled, an additional time slot will be offered. Please register online on our website by May 9th and also let Janet know if a virtual option is required for your child. A first communion celebration is planned for the 10 AM service on June 6th.

Spark Kidz In-Person Classes Resume This Sunday at 10 AM: Please drop your child off prior to the 10 AM service (any time after 9:45). The safety protocols we put into place in the fall will remain. Please pre-register each week on our website. Contact Janet Chardavoyne with any questions janet@frc-pp.org. A virtual class option on Zoom will continue to be offered at 9:30 AM for those not comfortable returning to in person yet.

Register Now for Grains of Hope Food Packing April 30-May 1: Our next Grains of Hope event will be held at the Lincoln Park PAL building. We will be packing 50,000 meals for Newark, local food pantries, Community Food Bank and HAITI. The safety of our volunteers will continue to take priority which is why we are doing three smaller events versus one large one at this time. For information & registration visit www.food.GOHNJ.org

CPR/AED Training Offered at FRC on April 24 from 9 AM-Noon in the Blue Room: Less Stress Instructional Services will be performing the training and the cost is \$60.00 per person. We are limited to 8 participants. RSVP to Sharon Hollick at 973-897-2263 or email sharhollick@optimum.net. Mail a check made out to "Less Stress Instructional Services" to the church office (529 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 Attn: CPR Training) to be received no later than 1 week before the class.

Save the Date - All Church Workday on Saturday, May 1st from 9 AM - 2 PM: The FRC Property Team has identified 10-12 projects that congregation members can quickly accomplish. Adults and older children of all skill levels will be placed on a team and materials will be provided. All projects will be outdoors. Coffee and juice will be provided in the morning. Bring a bag lunch and we'll eat in Kathleen's back yard. Plan to bring some work gloves, sturdy shoes, and any other supplies or tools that you think you might need. To register, please visit <http://firstreformedchurch.com/event/1988215-2021-05-01-church-workday/>