

# Sunday Worship

April 19, 2020, 10 a.m., Cheltenham UMC

*“Questions of Faith: Am I Lost If I Have Doubt?”*



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## +GREETING

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**



Hymn:


*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

Words: Anon. Latin, 1695; trans. by Francis Pott, 1861

Music: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; arr. by W.H. Monk, 1861

UMH 306, Tune: VICTORY

Played by Chiara Griffith




+HYMN “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” UMH 306

Antiphon:

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*


The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun:  
Alleluia!






+HYMN    “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” UMH 306

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
let shouts of holy joy outburst:  
Alleluia!



+HYMN “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” UMH 306

The three sad days are quickly sped;  
he rises glorious from the dead;  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!



+HYMN    “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” UMH 306

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee:  
Alleluia!

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



## OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**




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# The Birthday Song




A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you;  
May you feel Jesus near every day of the year.  
A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you;  
The best you have ever known!



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER  
AND 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 trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.





Hymn:

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

Words: Robert Lowry, 1874

Music: Robert Lowry, 1874

UMH 322, Tune: CHRIST AROSE

Played by Chiara Griffith



+HYMN “Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH 322

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Refrain:*

Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!



+HYMN “Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH 322

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

*Refrain:*

Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!



+HYMN “Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH 322

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

*Refrain:*

Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!





## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them...

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.



## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

# +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Alleluia

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Al - - le - - lu - - - ia! Al - - le - - - lu - - - ia!

Al - - le - - lu - - - ia! Al - - le - - - lu - - - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. It contains two measures of music, each followed by the lyrics 'Al - - le - - lu - - - ia!'. The second staff is identical to the first. A red arrow points to the first staff from the left.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker. Tune: Celtic Alleluia  
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## GOSPEL LESSON: 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.”





## GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19–31

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.



# SERMON

“Am I Lost If I Have Doubt?”

Part 1 of the Eastertide Sermon Series  
“Questions of Faith”

Rev. Mark Schaefer



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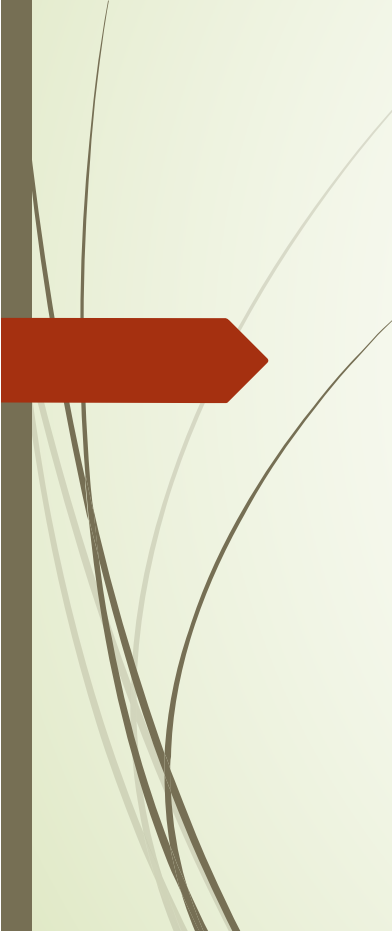
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

UMH 94, Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



# Hymn:

## *We Walk By Faith*

Words: Henry Alford, alt.  
Music: Attr. to Hugh Wilson

TFWS 2196, Tune: MARTYRDOM

Played by Chiara Griffith





+HYMN “We Walk By Faith” TFWS 2196

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
with gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e’er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, “My Lord and God!”



+HYMN “We Walk By Faith” TFWS 2196

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
in full and endless sight.



+HYMN “We Walk By Faith” TFWS 2196

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
with gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e’er spoke,  
but we believe him near.



## +BENEDICTION

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