

27 April 2025

Every Eye Will See

Prelude

Welcoming Hymn: All are Welcome

CCS 276

Welcome

Bob White

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

Ryleigh Castle & Darrell White

Reader 1: Praise the Lord!

Reader 2: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Reader 1: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

Reader 2: praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Reader 1: Praise him with trumpet sound;

Reader 2: praise him with lute and harp!

Reader 1: him with tambourine and dance;

Reader 2: praise him with strings and pipe!

Reader 1: Praise him with clanging cymbals;

Reader 2: praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise: Draw the Circle

CCS 273

Invocation:

Emerson Castle

Loving Heavenly Parent, To them who loves us and freed us from our sins by their blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving God, to them be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be.
Amen.

Sung Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

CCS 53

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Viki White

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas 24 Now Thomas one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer for Peace

Darrell White

Light the peace candle.

Peace Prayer

Spirit of the Unbelievable,

As humans, it is hard to believe the injustice, hatred, and disharmony we witness in the world. We don’t want to consider it real because it is so painful. We relate to Thomas’s disbelief—his desire that what he sees ought to make sense. Spirit reminds us that despite Thomas’s disbelief, he stayed with his community. He didn’t give up.

We pray that you would grant us Thomas’s persistence and hopefulness—that in our darkest moments, we might stay the course, pursuing justice and peace even in the face of our own doubts. Resurrection was once unbelievable, yet we follow a resurrected one. Peace and justice for all seem unbelievable, yet we follow the path of peace!

In the name of Jesus, the resurrected One. Amen.

—Tiffany and Caleb Brian

Ministry of the Spoken Word Don Payne

Hymn of preparation (video) Old Old Path

Nilsen family

Baptism of Tabitha Franklin

Bob White

Hymns of reflection: (may not use all depends on time)

For Every One Born

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We Are Companions on a Journey

CCS 552

Be Still

CCS 156

Weave

CCS 327

Confirmation of Tabitha Franklin

Viki and Darrell White

Disciples’ Generous Response

David Mason

Statement

God’s astonishing compassion and love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate example of generosity. God loves us abundantly and unconditionally. As we open our hearts to courageously and generously share by placing money in the offering

plates or through eTithing, we reflect the movement of God's astonishing love and compassion for the world.

Blessing and Receiving of Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes

David Mason

Disciples generous response prayer: God of rejoicing, we share our gifts joyfully and with thanksgiving in response to the generous gifts you have given us. May the offerings we share bring joy, hope, love, and peace into the lives of others so they might experience your mercy and grace. Amen.

Benedictory Hymn: Bring Forth The Kingdom

CCS 387

Closing Prayer

Bob White

Postlude

All Are Welcome, CCS 276

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Draw the Circle Wide, CCS 273

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone
standing side by side Draw the circle wide.*

God the still point of the circle round whom all creation turns,
nothing lost, but held together in God's gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Let the dream we dreamed be larger than we ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, CCS 53

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

For Everyone Born, CCS 285

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

We Are Companions on the Journey, CCS 552

*We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other; no longer strangers in God's house;
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord:
to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God.

Be Still, CCS 156

(Soprano) Be still and know I am God.

(Alto) Be still, be still, be still and know.

(Tenor) Be still, be still, know I am God.

(Bass) Still, be still, be still and know.

Weave, CCS 327

*Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.*

We are many textures, we are many colors, each one different from the other.
But we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry.

We are different instruments playing our own melodies, each one tuning to a different key.
But we are all playing in harmony in one great symphony.

Moments ago we did not know our unity, only diversity.
Now the Christ in me greets the Christ in thee in one great family.

Bring Forth the Kingdom, CCS 387

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy; bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice; bring forth the city of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!