

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.



Unless I See

April 11, 2021

Musical Gift
“The Hand of God”

Sevell

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn #322 “Up from the Grave He Arose”

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!**

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Discussion Questions

- Touch and See, Luke 24: 36b-48

At the end of Luke’s account of Jesus’ life, the disciples are charged with their next task. Even though the promises about his resurrection have been fulfilled, the work is not over. In fact, it has begun in earnest! What would you need to be renewed in your work for God? Would encountering Jesus like the disciples did change your motivation or your witness?

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



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**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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Special Music "I Will Rise"

Arr. Rouse

Bible Reading — John 20:19-31, verses 19-29 printed below

— [Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He

said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Unless I See

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Benediction

Musical Gift "Trumpet Tune"

Johnson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"In the Courts of Praise" - Curtis c. 2005 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"The Hand of God" - Sewell c. 1997 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"I Will Rise" - Arr. Rouse. Tomlin/Reeves/Giglio/Maher, c. 2008, Worship Together Music.

"Trumpet Tune" - Johnson c. 2005 Lorenz Publishing Co.