

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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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** Rev. Sharon Carter

### Responding to the Word

#### Affirmation of Faith

L: In this Easter season, we affirm our faith by saying: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

#### Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

**Response** *Glory Be to the Father*  
#577

#### Notes

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Invitation to the Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts**  
2x

**The whole world is full of God's glory** 3x

**Holy is the Lord!**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

### Going Into the World

**+Hymn** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*  
#430

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
May 5, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
+Stand as you are able  
*Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold*

## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

L: Let us praise the Lord! The Lord saves us when we are in trouble!

**P: The Lord heals us when we are suffering!**

L: The Lord gives me back my life when I think all is lost.

**P: No longer do I grieve, no longer do I wear mourning clothes, because the Lord is with me. Praise the Lord!**

*(based on Psalm 30)*

Let us pray: **God of surprises, you continually amaze us with the new things you do, even bringing us to new life in Jesus Christ. May we continue to celebrate the risen Lord by living lives of righteousness and faith. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

***Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

**+Hymn** *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord SFT2034*

### Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help**

**Why was Saul so angry at the Christian community?**

**Do you think we give Thomas a bad rap? Why or why not?**

**us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (moment of silence.)**

L: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response** *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks (refrain)*

### +Passing of the Peace

As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**Anthem** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (text found in Hymn 504)

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will in every part of our lives. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the

Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

**Hymn** *The Day of Resurrection #118*

### Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So