

Order of Worship
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – April 24, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE *Improvisation on As the Green Blade Rises* (Tune: Noel Nouvelet)
Lance Crane, organ

GREETING

HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* UMH 308
Words: Edward L. Budry, 1904, trans by. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923 Music: Harmonia Sacra, 1753 arr, from G.F. Handel 1747,
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1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

(Refrain) Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
(Refrain)

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
(Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bob & Kathy Fierro liturgists

Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.
How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!
How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.
Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. Amen.
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HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304
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1. Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices, heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us, from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The 23rd Psalm

by Albert Hay Malotte

Dianna Burdick, soloist; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE

Believing is Seeing

Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter

Professor of Religious Studies, University of San Diego

Associate Pastor, Westwood UMC

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God (2x)

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Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (responsive)

Loving God, you bring the gift of Resurrection and a redeemed life through the locked doors of our hearts. Sometimes we react with joy, sometimes with fear, sometimes with doubt. You show us your wounded hands as a reminder that to be faithful disciples, our hands must be your hands to heal a wounded world. Bless these gifts we give as an extension of your hands reaching out to the world through us, and may those we can't see and may never meet be touched because we gave from our hearts. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

We Walk By Faith

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- 1 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.
- 2 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!"
- 3 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:
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

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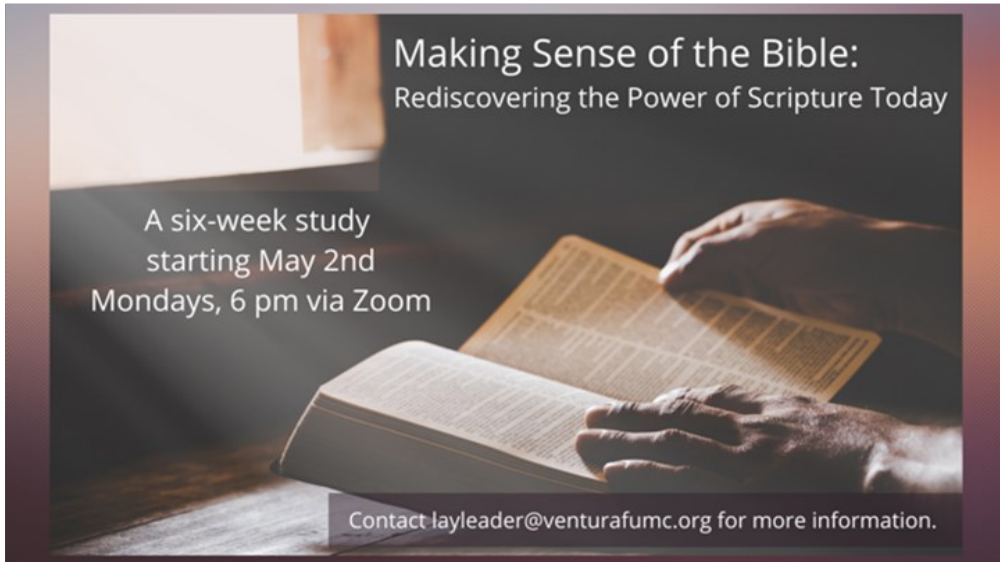
Bishop Grant Hagiya

POSTLUDE

Excerpt from Spring ("The Four Seasons")

- Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Malcolm Archer

Lance Crane, organ



Prayer Request

Magnolia Park UMC—Pastor Chris Fracchiolla

First UMC of Lompoc—Pastor Joy Price