

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEALY

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

HYMN

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

UMH 332

*Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,
and make to us the God-head known, and witness with the blood.
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,
who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.*

*No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"*

*O that the world might know the all-atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;
the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,
and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.*

*Inspire the living faith (which who-so-e'er receive,
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,
and saves who-e'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cristalynn Dillon

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:24-31

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!" A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still closed and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!" Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!" Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

SERMON

Touching Is Even Better

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Korean Creed

UMH 884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*Caring for the needs of our church and community through prayer,
deeds, inspiration and love in the Spirit of Christ.*
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**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.**

Faith of Our Fathers

***Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word!***

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

***Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free. Refrain***

***Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life. Refrain***

PASTOR: Rev. Michael Fraley OFFICE: Leslie Ellis & Linda German TREASURER: Russell Koym
MUSIC: Kay Ashcraft CHILDREN & YOUTH: Joanna Kruzel

CARES AND CONCERNS

Those who need healing

Norman Angle	Scooter Ayres	Warren Briggs	Antoney Calme	Misti Champman
Cody Childress	Jason Guilbeau	Robin Hartwick	Ann Huffman	Linda Jones
Lillian Koym	Susan McKimmy	Vicki Newsome	Donald Siptak Sr.	Glenn Speiss
Dauna Snow	Shirley Stone	Lue Vick	Lance Whisenant	Bob Whitfield
Francis Youngblood				

Those who are homebound or in long-term care

Myrle Benton	Ferma Beyers	Delores Cass	Charlene Chess	Addie Koy
Darold Nelson	Earl Neves	Clara Schroeder	Mildred Taylor	May Belle Vecera
Lisa Wilder				

Those serving in the Armed Forces

Stephen Brandes (Navy)	Francisco Figueroa (Army)	Reid Langton (Marines)
Cody Leger (Army)	Cole Pinheiro (Army)	TJ Theriot (Air Force)
Tiffanee Theriot (Air Force)		