

Doubting Thomas
When the unimaginable has happened

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30th, 2020
Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



Call to Worship

One: So much in life is unpredictable.

All: Life begins and ends.

One: The weather changes.

All: Love surprises us.

One: Doors close.

All: Others open.

One: Life is unpredictable, but what we can count on is finding God in this space;

All: For this is God's house, and all are welcome.

One: So bring your questions and concerns, your doubts and wonderings, for in the midst of this unpredictable life, we can predict this:

All: Love lives here. Let us worship God.

Gathering Song – Let Everything That Has Breathe & Forever

Let Everything That Has Breath

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 122$ **CHORUS**

$E\flat$

$E\flat/D$

Cm^7



Let ev - 'ry-thing that,

ev - 'ry-thing that,

ev - 'ry-thing that

4

$A\flat^2$

$A\flat^2/B\flat$

$E\flat$

$E\flat/D$

Cm^7

Last time to Coda ⌕



has breath, praise the Lord.

Let ev - 'ry-thing that,

ev - 'ry-thing that,

ev - 'ry-thing that

VERSE

8

$A\flat^2$

$A\flat^2/B\flat$

$E\flat$

$E\flat/D$



has breath, praise the Lord.

1. Praise _ You in the morn-ing, _

praise _ You in the eve-ning, _

2. Praise _ You in the heav-ens, _

join - ing with the an - gels, _

11

Cm^7

$A\flat^2$



praise _ You when I'm young and when I'm old. _

prais - ing You for - ev - er and a day. _

13

$E\flat$

$E\flat/D$



Praise _ You when I'm laugh - ing, _

praise _ You when I'm griev - ing, _

Praise _ You on the earth now, _

join - ing with cre - a - tion, _

BRIDGE

15

Cm^7

$A\flat^2$

Fm^7



praise _ You ev-'ry sea-son of the soul. _

If we could see how

call - ing all the na-tions to Your praise. _

(they)

Let Everything That Has Breath - 2

18 $A\flat^2/B\flat$ Fm^7 $A\flat^2/B\flat$ Fm^7

much You're worth, Your pow'r, Your might, Your end-less love, then sure-ly we would

22 $A\flat^2/B\flat$ 1. $A\flat^2$ $B\flat$ 2. $A\flat^2$ $B\flat$ D.C. al Coda

nev-er cease to praise. _____ praise. _____

27 Coda $A\flat$ $A\flat^2/B\flat$ $E\flat$

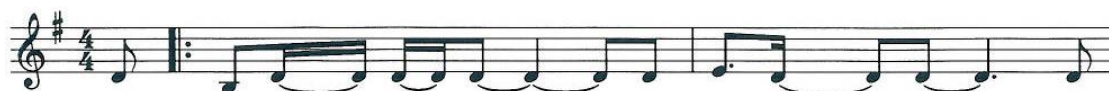
has breath, praise the Lord. _____

Forever

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin

♩ = 140

VERSE
G



1. Give thanks to _____ the _____ Lord _____ our God and _____ King; _____ His
2. With a might-y hand _____ and out-stretched _____ arm; _____ His
3. From _____ the _____ ris-ing to the set-ting _____ sun _____ His

3

C



love en-dures _____ for-ev-er. For He is good, _____ He is a-
love en-dures _____ for-ev-er. For the life _____ that's
love en-dures _____ for-ev-er. And by the grace _____ of God _____ we will

6

G

D



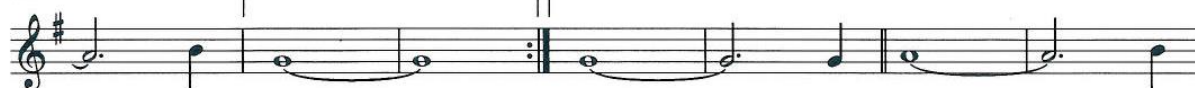
-bove all _____ things; _____ His love en-dures _____ for-ev-er. _____ Sing praise _____
been re-born; _____ His love en-dures _____ for-ev-er. _____ Sing praise _____
car-ry on; _____ His love en-dures _____ for-ev-er. _____ Sing praise _____

10

1.
C²/E

2, 3.
C²/E

PRE-CHORUS
D



_____ sing praise. _____ praise. _____ Sing praise, _____ sing
_____ sing
_____ sing

CHORUS

17

C²/E

G



praise. _____ For-ev-er God _____ is faith-ful, _____ for-ev-

Forever - 2

21

Em⁷

D



-er God _____ is strong, _____ for-ev-er God _____ is with _____ us, _____ for-ev-

25

C

G

1.
D.S.

2.



-er, _____ for-ev-er, _____

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

You blow into our lives and send us in directions we never would have gone on our own. Send us into the lives of people we don't know, people we would call 'stranger' and reveal yourself right there to us. We are no longer strangers to each other – you make us brother and sister. Amen.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always... **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for prayer and contemplation.

Faithful and Merciful God, you know us. You know our lives. Clean up our hearts and minds. By your Holy Spirit, make us new.

All: Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

God we confess—we are loose ends. You give us the gift of wisdom and we seek our answers in all the wrong places.

You give us the gift of community, and we waste that gift unraveling relationships to build individual identities.

You give us the gift of time, and we spend it seeking our own interests.

Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts.

Give us the wisdom we need to seek you when life falls apart.

Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of love,

Almighty and eternal God, you are our strength in times when our faith in you is strong and our hope when our hearts are filled with doubt. Open our eyes as you have opened our hearts so that we might see you in the eyes, hearts and scars of our neighbor. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from John 20:19-29

Narrator: That Sunday evening, (the same day as the resurrection) the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.

Congregation: **As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has 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 do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**

Narrator: One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin) was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

Congregation: **But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"**

All: **"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."**

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn – Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Offering

Worship Leader: *We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, riverofhopehutchinson.org and follow the directions to "give online".*

Prayers of the People

Each petition will end with the words: *Lord in your mercy.*

You will respond: ***Hear our prayers.***

THE FEAST

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

As we are gathered into one body by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us gather at the table, prepared and given for you by Christ. Taste of God's goodness and mercy.

When we come to this table, we bring all of ourselves.

We bring joy and hope, dreams and prayers, grief and doubt, memories and heartache.

God meets us here. God hears our cries and sees our scars.

With open hearts and authenticity, we gather at the table of Christ.

We remember that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Divine Source of Love and Life, Holy is your unspeakable name.

May your Way of Love resound through earth, heaven in our midst.

All we need to live and thrive we receive from you, Creator; forgive us when we turn away, as we forgive each other.

Keep us on the path of Wisdom, away from wicked tyranny; Spirit ever breathe through us, empower us with hope.

From you, through you and in you, are all things, now and always; to you be all honor and praise. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns – His Eye Is On The Sparrow

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Words by
Civilla Durfee Martin

Music by
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

VERSE

B \flat

E \flat

B \flat

B \flat /A \flat



1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? _ Why should the shad - ows come? _
2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," _ His ten - der words I hear; _
3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, _ when - ev - er clouds a - rise, _



Why should my heart be lone - ly _ and long for heav'n and home _ when
And rest - ing on His good - ness, _ I lose my doubt and fear. _ Tho'
when songs give place to sigh - ing, _ when hope with - in me dies, _ I

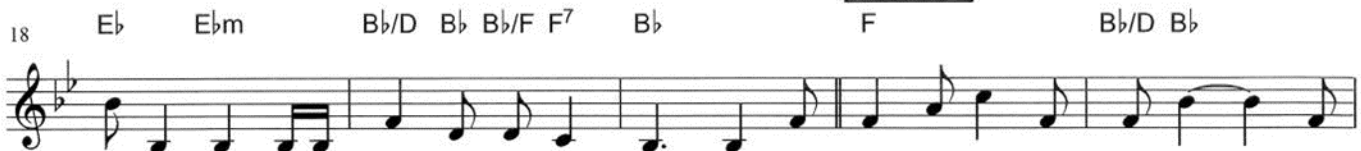


Je - sus is _ my por - tion? _ My con - stant friend _ is He: _ His
by the path _ He lead - eth _ but one step I _ may see: _ His
draw the clos - er to Him; _ From care He sets _ me free: _ His



eye is on _ the spar - row, _ and I know He watch - es me. _ His eye is on the
eye is on _ the spar - row, _ and I know He watch - es me. _ His eye is on the
eye is on _ the spar - row, _ and I know He watch - es me. _ His eye is on the

CHORUS



spar - row, _ and I know He watch - es me. _ I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, _ I
spar - row, _ and I know He watch - es me. _
spar - row, _ and I know He watch - es me. _

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES!

Final Blessing

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sending Song – Go, Make Disciples

Go, Make Disciples

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes with rests. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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Go in peace – Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

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