

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
April 18, 2021  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services



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## Important Reminders for Our Service Today

- ✦ Please do not sit in the marked off pews.
- ✦ Masks should be worn (including during congregational singing) by all except those with medical conditions that prevent wearing them, and small children.
  - Please ensure that your mask covers your mouth and nose at all times.
- ✦ Please dispose of all single-use items (cups, bulletins, wipes) after the service, leaving nothing in your pew.
- ✦ You should not attend services if you have a temperature over 100.4°, or if you have symptoms related to, or a diagnosis of, COVID-19, or if you know you have been exposed in the last 14 days to someone with symptoms related to, or a diagnosis of, COVID-19.
- ✦ We are grateful to the congregation for their cooperation and understanding.

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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.*

**Prelude**

"Yes, I Know My Savior Lives" ..... Lani Smith (1934 - 2015)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**+Silent Prayer**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE LORD CALLS US**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn of Praise to God**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

No. 295

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri -  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub -

own: a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fied: no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 praise: his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 lime: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

### +Confession of Sin

#### *Silent Prayer*

#### *Corporate Prayer*

O Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus; we acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises; nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit; our eyes have been kept from discerning his presence with us. Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit; our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard his Word. We have not trusted in his redeeming power; and have been overcome of evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of his victory over death; and have not known the things that belong to our peace. But now in penitence we come to you; beseeching your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us absolution from all our sins; and restore unto us the joy of your salvation; for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

### Declaration of Pardon

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

### \*Hymn of Faith in Jesus Christ

“Before the Throne of God Above”

# Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in,  
3. Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less, Right - eous - ness.



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
Up - ward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
The great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is grav - en on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.  
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.  
One with Him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can  
For God the just is sat - is - fied. To look on  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God; with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

# THE LORD CONVERSES WITH US

## Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

“Laudate Dominum” ..... W.A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

## \*Congregational Petitions and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

## Scripture Lesson

20:24-31 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Sermon

“Believing Thomas”

# THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

## The Lord's Supper

### Procedure

- A deacon will release each section. The order will generally be the balcony, DeSoto Hall, and then the main floor starting in the back.
- There will be two lines, with congregants entering via the inside aisle and returning to their seats via the outside aisles.
- Please try to maintain distance as you are able.
- There is a choice of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available and marked with "GF" on the top of the bread container.
- Take the elements back to your seats and consume them there.
- There will be a trash can to throw out your serving cups as you exit the service.
- The mobility impaired will be served in their seats after the line ends.

You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Lord Jesus, help me to see that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but that through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, help me now to trust in you as my Savior and my King. *Amen.*

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,  
The heights and depths unknown,  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,  
In thy beloved son.

*Come, all ye pining, hungry poor,  
The Saviour's bounty taste;  
Behold a never-failing store,  
For every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine,  
Dear source of every good!  
Jesus, in thee what glories shine!  
How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive  
A free, a full supply:  
He has unmeasured bliss to give,  
And joys that never die.

*Text: Anne Steele, Music by Brian T. Murphy*



\*Hymn

"This Is My Father's World"

No. 111

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears,  
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise,  
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get

all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the  
the morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their Mak-er's  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er

spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought  
praise. This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done;

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
in the rus-tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.  
Je-sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

\*Hymn

“The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord”

Tune: Winchester New

The heav'ns declare your glory, Lord  
in ev'ry star your wisdom shines;  
but when our eyes behold your Word,  
we read your name in fairer lines.

The rolling sun, the changing light,  
and nights and days, your pow'r confess;  
but the blest volume you did write  
reveals your justice and your grace.

Sun, moon, and stars convey your praise  
round the whole earth, and never stand;  
so when your truth began its race,  
it touched and glanced on ev'ry land.

Nor shall your spreading gospel rest  
till through the world your truth has run;  
till Christ has all the nations blessed  
that see the light, or feel the sun.

Great Sun of Righteousness, arise;  
bless the dark world with heav'nly light:  
your gospel makes the simple wise,  
your laws are pure, your judgments right.

Your noblest wonders here we view  
in souls renewed, and sins forgiv'n:  
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,  
and make your Word my guide to heav'n

# THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

## \*The Charge

## \*The Benediction

### +Silent Prayer

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

*In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
*Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Benjamin Harlan*

## Postlude

"Resurrection" ..... John F. Wilson (1929 - 2014)

## \*Congregation standing

+The congregation is invited to kneel

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**TODAY**  
**Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021**

**Worship:**

Morning Worship	8:15 & 11:00 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Livestream	11:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Sunday School for All Ages**

9:45 - 10:45 am

**Adult Sunday School:**

**The Word of Faith Class (Sanctuary):** Mike Pfefferle continues, “Studies in the Trinity.” You might think that you only need to know about the Trinity when “those people” ring your doorbell. J.I. Packer would disagree; he writes in *Knowing God* that “the heart of the Christian faith in God is the revealed mystery of the Trinity.” In this class, you’ll learn the Biblical foundation for the doctrine of the Trinity, how the first Christians worked to express the Biblical teaching in their own words, and how our God’s triune nature shapes every aspect of our Christian lives.

**High School Sunday School:**

Senior High School Class (South Side of DeSoto Hall): Senior High Sunday School meets in DeSoto Hall beginning at 9:45 am!

**Children’s Sunday School:**

**Locations:**

- **3- & 4-yr-olds** - DeSoto Hall
- **Kindergarten** - Downstairs Room 117
- **1st-3rd Grades** - Upstairs Room 301
- **4<sup>th</sup>-5th Grades** - Upstairs Room 302
- **6th-8th Grades** - Upstairs Room 304
- **Note:** Our precious 2-year-olds do not have a class at this time

**Precautions:** Children 5 years and older must wear a face covering to participate. Children ages 3-4 are encouraged to wear a face covering if possible. Exceptions will be made for children with certain disabilities or health conditions.

**Drop off:**

- **3’s – Kindergarten:** Parents should escort their children to the designated classroom. If needed, a parent of a 3- or 4-year-old may sit with their child during class.
- **1st-8th Grades:** Parents may escort their children to the designated classroom, but this is not required.

**Pick Up:**

- **3-yr-olds-Kindergarten:** Parents should pick up their children from the classroom.
- **1st-8th Grades:** Students will be released from the classroom at 10:45am.

## CALENDAR

April 19 – April 25

For details please check the web site. You may contact  
the church office with questions: [fpc@faithtacoma.org](mailto:fpc@faithtacoma.org).

### Tuesday – April 20

- Ladies' Bible Study, *via Zoom* 10:00 am – noon  
*Contact Dawn Darby to join the call.*
- Samson Society, the 629 House 7:00 – 8:00 pm

### Wednesday – April 21

- Girls' Discipleship, Room 304, *ALL High Schoolers welcome* 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Guys' Discipleship, Room 301, *ALL High Schoolers welcome* 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Junior High Youth Group, Room 301 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Senior High Youth Group, DeSoto Hall 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Hybrid Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary & Conference Call *via Zoom* 7:00 pm  
*Instructions for joining the call will go out via email on Wednesday afternoons. This email will contain a password required to join the call.*

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, The Christian's native air,  
His Watchword at the gate of death; He enters heaven with prayer.  
O Thou by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way,  
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!  
– James Montgomery

### Thursday – April 22

- Men's Prayer & Bible Reading, the 629 House 6:30 am  
*We are reading in the book of Acts. Please join us as we read and pray for each other and the world.*
- Covenant High School Drama Production, Sanctuary 7:30 pm

### Friday – April 23

- Covenant High School Drama Production, Sanctuary 7:30 pm

### Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 25

- Morning Worship 8:15 & 11:00 am
- Sunday School 9:45 - 10:45 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Livestream 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Evening

Pastor Gutiérrez will continue his series in Matthew preaching on “Egypt and Israel: The Sequel,” Matthew 2:1-23. Teenie Lyro is home for a short while from Lebanon and will share a report on her work there with the organization 1,000 Lighthouses and Tyre Church.

### Covenant High School Drama Production

April 22 & 23

This year’s production is *Babette’s Feast*, directed by Raymond Dokupil. There is limited seating, masking is required, and those interested in attending should email [office@chstacoma.org](mailto:office@chstacoma.org) to check for seat availability.

### Tuesday Women’s Bible Study

To finish off the year, we are watching the TV series *The Chosen*, Season 1 together. We began with Episode 1 last Tuesday. This multi-season series about Jesus and his disciples brings the gospel stories to life. We will watch and discuss the shows together, comparing them to the gospel stories in the Bible. “But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.’” Isaiah 43:1

If you’d like to join us, we meet on Zoom every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am - noon. Contact Dawn Darby for a link to the Zoom call.

### Ladies Annual Spring Tea

We hope you can join us for our Spring Tea on May 1st at 11 am in DeSoto Hall. Hunters Catering will be preparing great food for us to enjoy while we listen to beautiful music, fellowship with one another, and sing. We will also enjoy hearing from a few ladies in the church about what the Lord is doing in their lives. Please join us. Tickets will be on sale for \$10 on Sunday April 18th and 25th.

\*\*We are having a hat contest, so please wear your best hat - think Kentucky Derby! If you don’t have one, you can make your own, just buy a floppy hat and add flowers and/or ribbons! Don’t forget, as there will be prizes!

\*\*\*If you have lace tablecloths or tea sets that we can borrow to use for the Spring Tea, or if you are willing and able to help with set up or clean up, please contact Khalia Bentson or Tina LeFebvre. Thank you and see you there!

### Musicians

Our thanks to Khalia Bentson, Heidi Bone and members of the FPC choir for their contributions to our worship today.

### Online Giving

Text “faithtacoma” to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) for a link to our online giving portal, or visit [www.faithtacoma.org/give](http://www.faithtacoma.org/give).



### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ;" NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ Victor."