



“Benefit of the Doubt”

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**Please stand if you are able*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude

Insert

Glory Glory Hallelujah

Call to Worship

Dorothy Beeles

Leader: This is the season of resurrection. Today is the first day of the week.

All: The joy of Easter is ringing.

L: Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!

A: We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.

L: Welcome to worship this glorious day!

A: Let our lives be testimony to God's redeeming love!

***Opening Hymn**

CH 2

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

A Time for Prayer

Pastor Doug

After a pastoral prayer is offered, worshippers are invited to light a candle at a nearby station as we continue our time of prayer.

Leave it There

Insert

Community Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.

Scripture Reading

Dorothy Beeles

John 20:19-31

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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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."

²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ 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."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Doug

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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Insert

Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

There are many ways to contribute to the work of the Realm of God on earth. As a spiritual community, we recognize the unique role and gifts each one of us bring to the table for the work God is calling us to do together. Those who feel so called to give financially can do so by placing an offering in one of the trays located in the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of today's service, or by giving online by visiting: www.fcctacoma.org/give

Communion Hymn

CH 419

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Sharing God's Feast

communion prayer

musical meditation

***Closing Hymn**

CH 614

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Benediction

Dismissal & Postlude

FCC Trio

Glory Glory Hallelujah

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors.

We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

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