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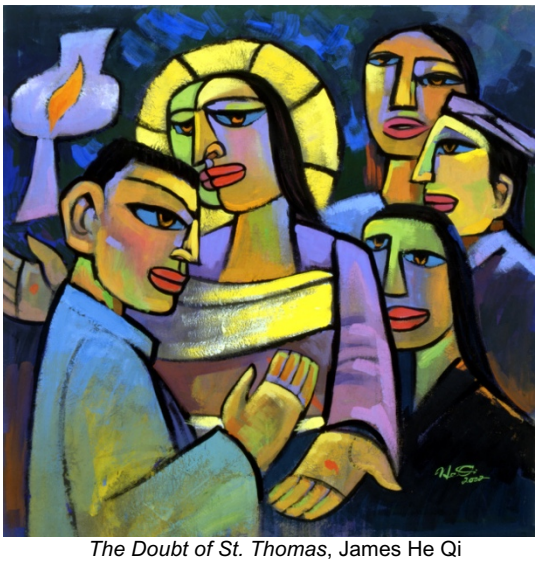

The Doubt of St. Thomas, James He Qi

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020
Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE — *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* — arr. Richard Kingsmore

WELCOME — Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

CALL TO WORSHIP — Kiko DeBarger-Gestring

One: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?
Many: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!
One: I do not see him. I don't believe you.
Many: (louder) **Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**
One: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.
Many: We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.
One: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?
Many: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.
One: Let us go together, let us partner with others.
Many: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell
http://rev-o-lution.org/

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles
and pass the peace of Christ using the chat feature.

OPENING HYMN *Laudate Dominum* Jacques Berthier
(*Sing, Praise and Bless God*)

Sing, praise and bless God; Sing, praise and bless God;
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

[1]Praise God, all you nations, praise God all you peoples. Alleluia.
[2]Strong is God's love and mercy, always faithful for ever. Alleluia.
[3]Alleluia, Alleluia. Let everything living give praise God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 20:19–31* Sereen Mahmood

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Eric Sherlock

SERMON *Redeeming Thomas* Pastor Todd

ANTHEM *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight* Michael Burkhardt

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
but in His promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

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.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light,
may we behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

—Henry Alford

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Eric

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
(*Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window*.)
All: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY Barb DeBarger-Gestring

Invitation to Giving

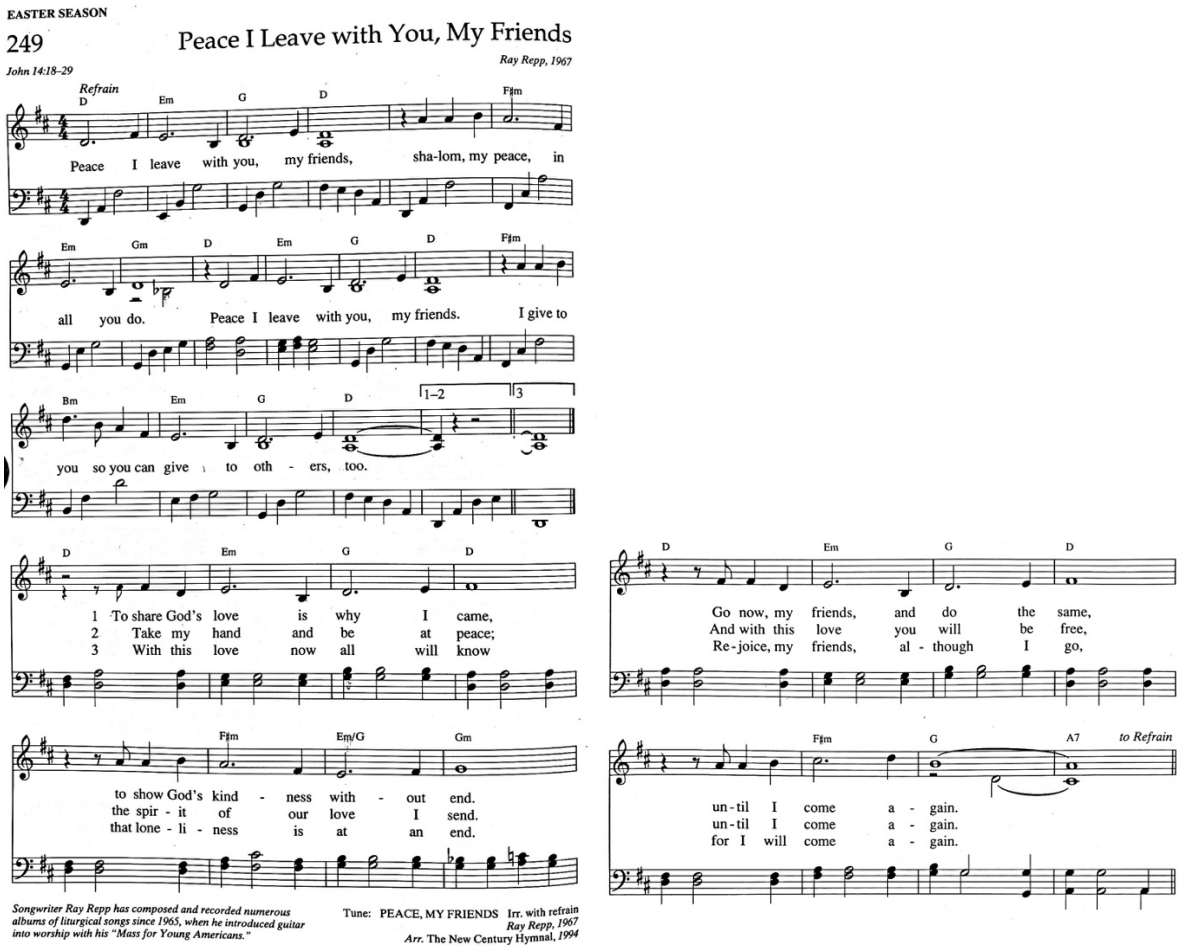
During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to give online: http://bit.ly/donatetodcc.

Offertory *Songs Without Words, Op. 102 No. 6 "Faith"* Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offertory Prayer

CLOSING HYMN



CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION Pastor Todd

How strangely comforting, Lord,
That so many of your servants
have doubted you.
So,
If I cannot always see the sense
of your Word;
If I do not always feel confident
about my faith;
If I wonder where your love is
in the face of pain and death;
I am not the first.
A great company of saints and martyrs
has felt this way before me.
Now, in your presence,
they see face to face
and know as they are known.
Teach me, like them,
not so much to fear doubt
as to see it
as a sign of the mystery of life
and a door to discovery. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Faith* Kendra Logozar

Announcements

- If you would like to submit a prayer concern or joy for next Sunday's Zoom Worship, please email it to Pastor Eric at eric@danvillechurch.org.

- To keep up-to-date on news and announcements during this time of social distancing, **please read your email** from DCC thoroughly! All communication related to church news and events will be communicated via email!

Ingathering Sunday

Today is **Ingathering Sunday** at DCC, the third Sunday of the month when we traditionally bring donations of canned and other nonperishable food to share with our neighbors who struggle to feed their families, through the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. In this time of sheltering in place, when we are unable to collect and distribute your food donations, we [will observe][are observing] Ingathering Sunday by inviting you to donate online, either through the DCC donations web page (select Outreach Donations / Other and type in "Food Bank") or directly to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano (give.foodbankccs.org) or to the Alameda County Community Food Bank (donate.accfb.org).

The Food Bank of CC&S has been providing food to 1 in 9 of our neighbors on any given day, but in this emergency, the Food Bank also fulfills the crucial role of serving a vulnerable population at a time of great need. The need for food assistance in this emergency will only grow with large numbers of people cut off from their ability to work. The Food Bank plans to continue to feed the 178,000 people that depend on them for 75% of their daily groceries as well as serve the increased demand from people who may have never needed help before. They are doing this by packing thousands of emergency food boxes and distributing them at drive-through distribution sites where volunteers load boxes in the trunk of each car. Your donations will provide much-needed support for this emergency food program.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be Received April 26

When we participate in the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**, our church reaches people who suffer from emergencies, chronic poverty, and violence worldwide.

Among the support we give, water, sanitation and adequate nutrition top the list of resources needed. Assets such as irrigation systems, wells, latrines and wash houses change peoples' lives in amazing ways. Clean water and adequate facilities improve health and give dignity to people at the same time.

Clean water is also provided to grow better gardens. A combination of water, seeds, tools, and training on modern farming techniques produce a great harvest—leaving more money for families to live on. Lives are changed when health improves. Lives are changed when communities thrive.

Storms, such as the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the small island of Sulawesi, Indonesia (September 2018) destroy everything in their paths! In Sulawesi, gardens, houses, water systems, latrines and livelihoods. . . all were gone. Many people could not imagine how they could go on. But with support of OGHS, 13,000 people now receive clean water.

What may seem like a small investment to us, yields amazing results worldwide. With water, sanitation and adequate food, children are more likely to attend school, and women, no longer searching for water, are able to earn money to contribute to their families' well-being and overall health.

Stand with UCC congregations by lending a hand through support to the OGHS offering! **Please donate online via the DCC Donations web page (click here)**.

- Scroll down to Outreach Donations and select One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Or write OGHS on your check made out to DCC and mail it to:

Danville Congregational Church
989 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
Danville, CA 94526

Your financial assistance will directly help people and communities affected by disaster, violence and poverty. Your financial assistance will be an investment into the lives of people and communities who need it most.

Together, we are co-workers in God's service, planting and watering seeds for God to nurture. Thank you on behalf of the individuals and communities who will benefit directly from your support.

Faithfully,

Doug Leich
Outreach Commission

In Thailand, a 13-year-old girl arrives at the New Life Center, seeking relief from the cruel conditions that have brought her here. Her life up to this point has been mostly about survival. Here, she meets others like her. Some are survivors of sexual abuse, domestic violence or human trafficking. Some have been forced to work when they wanted to go to school.

What will the future be like when she is empowered to share her gifts with her community and the world?

At the New Life Center, she is met with the investment of time, support, and resources. And she is loved. She is allowed to imagine a new future. Finishing school. Learning a trade. Even going to University to earn a degree.

In I Corinthians 3:9, Paul writes that we are all co-workers together in God's service. Some of us plant. Some of us water. But God gives the growth. Paul reminds us that we are all called into the service of God, who cares for each and every one of us. What could the future be like when we work to plant and water together, and trust God to give the growth?

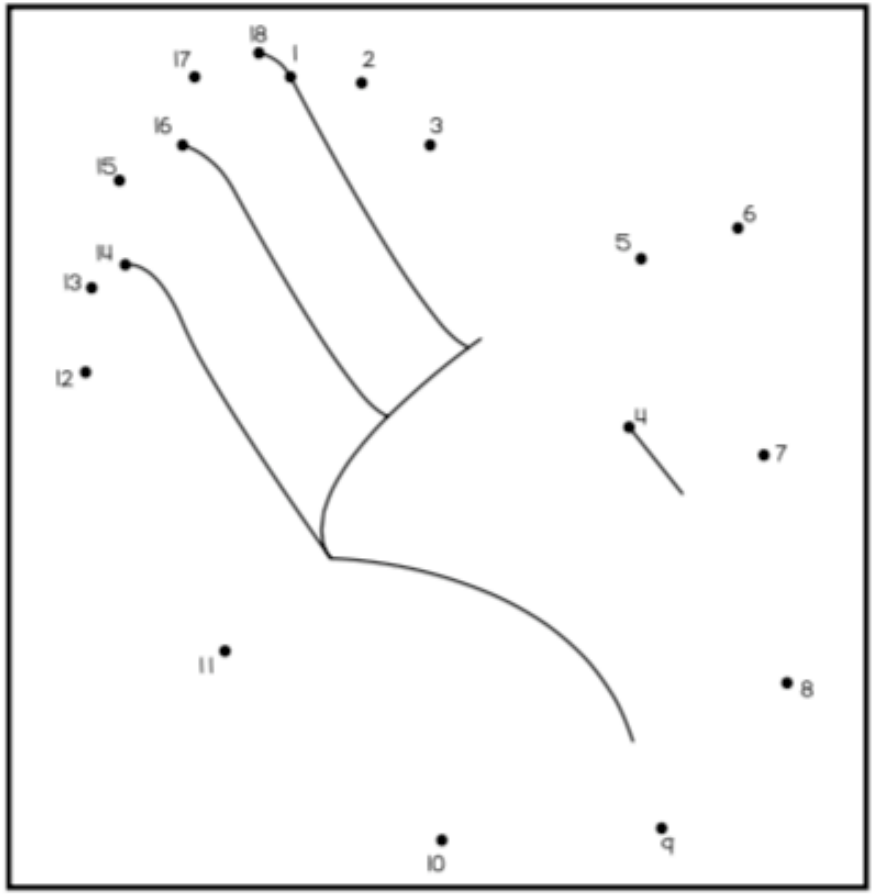
When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you invest in the futures of these girls and countless others like them. Your gifts go to provide education, vocational training, basic necessities, and much-needed community support.

When we share the love of Christ in this way, we see lives transformed. Not just their lives, but ours as well. Because when we empower girls to build a life for themselves, we help God build a better world for us all.

As we invest in futures and serve as co-workers with God, the future becomes one of endless possibility and opportunity. What a great return on our investment!

CONNECT the DOTS

Psalm 16 tells uswe will be filled with joy in God's]
presence for beautiful things are always at God's
hand. **Connect the dots to form the hand of God.**
Inside, draw what fills you with joy!



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

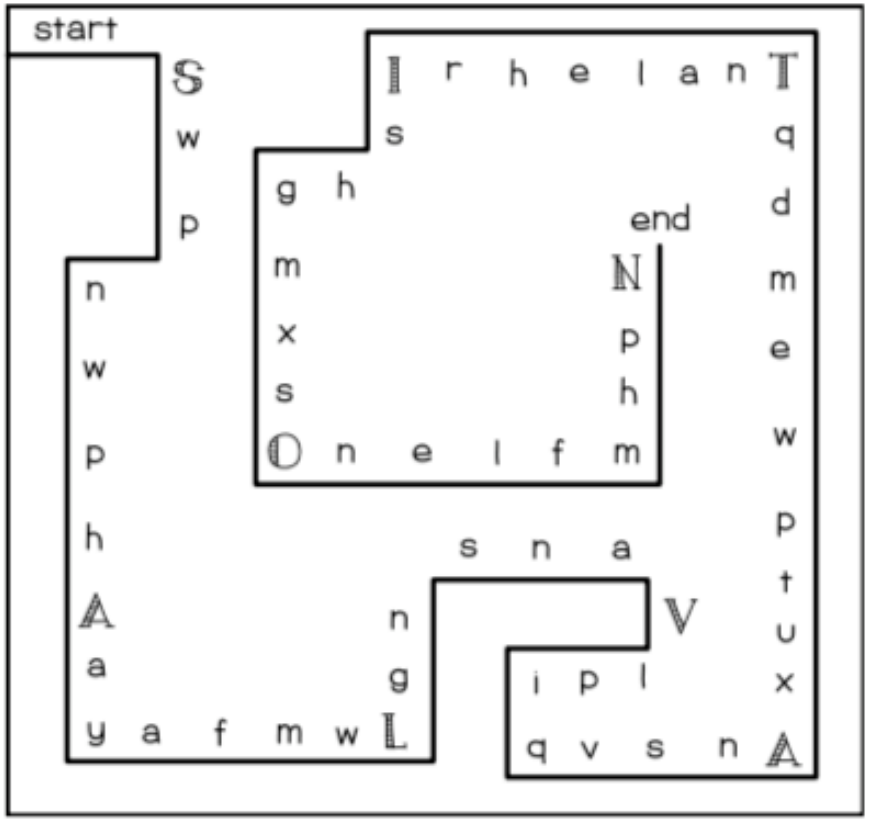
Activities based on Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31.

DRAW IT

When Jesus appears to his disciples for the first time after rising from death, they are amazed and shocked. They can't believe it's really him! Jesus says, "Peace be with you," and "receive the Holy Spirit." Imagine you are sitting with the disciples. What does it look like to receive the Holy Spirit from Jesus?

FOLLOW the PATH

What does Jesus offer us through his faithfulness and love? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what message is spelled out below.



Upcoming Virtual Gatherings

To lessen the impact of isolation during this season of social distancing, you are invited to join these opportunities for community and spiritual practice.

- **Youth Group Zoom**, *Sunday* at 5:00pm
  https://zoom.us/j/683743275?pwd=anpYWHJJVUY1L3habEFUTnBRV1pPdz09
  or by Zoom app: **683 743 275**, password **322**.
- **Parent Zoom**, *Tuesday* at 7:00pm
  https://zoom.us/j/199852238?pwd=REQ1RFgwMXQ5M3hLekd5SEUzRGVvdz09
  or by Zoom app: **199 852 238**, password **322**
- **Mid-Day Zoom Devotional**,*Wednesday* at Noon
  https://zoom.us/j/547683580?pwd=V2FjVksvNW9BSkNWOW4vcEttZGo5UT09
  or by Zoom app: **547 683 580**, password **322** or by phone: dial **669-900-6833** and enter **547 683 580** as the Meeting ID and **322** as the password.
- **Zoom Family Devotional**,*Wednesday* at 7:00pm:
  https://zoom.us/j/800897222?pwd=WFhmRXh3U2xiTTJqSWNaeTdxZDQxdz09
  or by Zoom app: **800 897 222**, password **322**
- **Worship at DCC**, *Sunday* at 9:30am
  https://zoom.us/j/492975948?pwd=blJqZTNpNGo3S1o0YkNFM3FWQ1dIQT09
  or by Zoom app: **492 975** 948, password **322** or by phone: dial **669-900-6833** and enter **492 975 948** as the Meeting ID and **322** as the password.

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The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers.
If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else, contact a pastor or send an email to **prayers@danvillechurch.org**.
All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

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