

Welcome to

# First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



## Thomas and Jesus: Of Palm Reading and Trust

May 22, 2022

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

We invite you to join the congregation in singing the songs marked with .

## Entering Worship

### Prelude Music

*Nearer, My God, to Thee* (arr. John Turner)

*To God be the Glory* (arr. John Carter)

### Welcome & Announcements

#### *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

**Voices Together 57**

Vs 1 Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.

We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.

We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.

Break upon your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.

Vs 2 Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new.

Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.

Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.

Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.

Vs 3 Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew

Deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.

Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt.

Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

### Call to Worship

**VT 1040**

Leader: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,

**People: we commit to truth and integrity,**

**and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of apathy and hatred,

**People: we choose to be proactive in love,**

**and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,

**People: we embrace the mystery of faith,**

**and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of all that would oppose God’s purpose among us,

**People: we choose again to follow Christ,  
and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

♪ ***Confitemini Domino (Come and Fill Our Hearts)*** **VT 52**

*Latin* Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.  
Confitemini Domino, alleluia.

*English* Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.

*Spanish* Llénanos Señor, de tu paz, porque sólo eres santo.  
Llénanos Señor, de tu paz, alleluia.

### Invocation

♪ **Call for Children: *Jesus Loves Me*** **VT 516**

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

### Children’s Time

♪ ***Gloria*** **VT 94**

### Honoring our FMC Graduates

## Faith Reflection

### Chimes

**Scripture** **John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this,

he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**♪ *These Things Did Thomas Count***

**VT 343**

Vs 1    These things did Thomas count as real:  
          the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
          the grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
          the last frail twitch of blood and bone.

Vs 2 The vision of his skeptic mind  
was keen enough to make him blind  
to any unexpected act  
too large for his small world of fact.

Vs 3 His reasoned certainties denied  
that one could live when one had died,  
until his fingers read like Braille  
the markings of the spear and nail.

Vs 4 May we, O God, by grace believe  
and thus the risen Christ receive,  
whose raw imprinted hands reached out,  
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

**Meditation**                      **“Thomas and Jesus: Of Palm Reading and Trust”**

**♪ We Walk by Faith**

**VT 588**

Vs 1, 5 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

Vs 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod,  
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry “My Lord and God!”

Vs 3 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:

Vs 4 That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

**Chimes**

**Community & Sharing**

**Offertory**

*My Lord, What a Morning* (arr. Larry Shackley)

**Prayer & Benediction**

**♪ *The Church of Christ, in Every Age***

**VT 395**

- Vs 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.
- Vs 2 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- Vs 3 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

**Congregational Sharing & Introductions**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**♪ *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**VT 536**

- Vs 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- Vs 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- Vs 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dawning light.  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,  
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

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**After the Service**

**10:45am Fellowship Hour** (Community Center)

**11:00am Adult Education: Q&A** with Amy Zimbelman (Sanctuary)

**11:00am Children's Activities:** Kids ages 0 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade gather in the basement

# **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

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By John van de Laar, 2009

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## *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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