

## Community Worship Liturgy Packet

April 19, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Light a candle in the center of your gathering space as you welcome the Light of Christ into your time of worship.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, friends, for the Lord has called us here.

**People: We come joyfully, for we have heard the good news of Jesus' resurrection.**

Leader: Open your spirits to receive all God's blessings.

**People: May God shower blessings upon us so that we may in turn bless God by our service.**

Leader Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun;  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

Scripture

John 20:19-31

### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>19</sup> 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.”

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

### Jesus and Thomas

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the twelve, 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 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <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 come to believe.”

## The Purpose of This Book

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah,<sup>[c]</sup> the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

“Cultivating Peace”

Celebration of the Offering

Here are some practical ways to give in the week ahead. Let us know if you have any ideas so that we can best be the church in this season of our life together.

- + Write a letter to someone, encouraging them that God is with them
- + Connect with someone via technology—whether that be a phone conversation or another means
- + Check on a neighbor
- + Reach out to someone who may need food/supplies
- + At Jordan Memorial, we are committed to partnering with local small business in our community. Like the event this past Tuesday with Captain Tom’s and Vee’s Bakery, we hope to set up more of these partnerships so that our community can be fed and we can celebrate the many gifted places and people in Ramseur. Would you consider partnering with us in this way? Thank you for supporting the local church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

You can send your offering & financial support to:

Jordan Memorial UMC

PO Box 848

1511 Main Street

Ramseur, NC 27316

or:

You can give online at [www.JordanMemorial.org](http://www.JordanMemorial.org) or directly to Jordan Memorial at the link provided:

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Offertory

“Help Somebody Today”

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Song of Sending

“There’s a Peace I’ve Come to Know”

There’s a peace I’ve come to know  
Christ entered in and made me whole  
I was broken, tired, and worn  
But my heart now healed feels strangely warmed

There is no shame and no doubt endures  
Grace unrestrained in a love assured  
There’s a peace I’ve come to know  
He’s the peace I’ve come to know

I have peace within my soul  
In Christ my refuge, strength, my all  
He has stilled my anxious heart  
Though the world will falter and fall apart

When mountains crumble and waters rage  
I stand unshaken against the waves  
There’s a peace I’ve come to know  
He’s the peace I’ve come to know

There’s a peace I long to know  
When all will bow before the throne  
And the sun, the moon, the stars  
Will fade by the light of Christ’s desire

He’ll wipe every tear from our mournful eyes  
Resolve every fear and our stubborn pride  
There’s a peace I’ve come to know  
He’s the peace I’ve come to know

There’s a peace now standing bold  
Its fragile roots have taken hold  
In the ash of war and hate  
Love is breaking through making all things new

O Christ our savior; Christ our Lord  
His name forever and ever more  
There’s a peace I’ve come to know  
He’s the peace I’ve come to know

Benediction