



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

John 20:27(NKJV)

April 21, 2024 10:00 a.m.

We love children in worship, all wiggles and noises included.

Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Prelude Mary Dailey
Prelude Hymn 401 “Here in This Place” Congregation
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Winslow

◆ Sharing the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!**

Please share the Peace of Christ with your neighbor

God is good. **All the Time** All the time. **God is good!** Alexandra Holt

◆ Call to Worship

Alexandra Holt

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: Let us go into the House of the Lord!

Leader: God, you have prepared for us this day,

People: A space to worship, a song to sing, a Word to follow.

Leader: God, you have prepared a place for everyone.

People: Let us go into the House of the Lord--for we are all welcome!

◆ Hymn 399 “God Welcomes All” Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NKJV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession, In Unison

Alexandra Holt

(Silent Prayer) In this joyous season of Easter, we confess our own unworthiness to be the recipients of so great a salvation. But as we behold the Risen Christ, may our hearts fill with hope. Lord Jesus--You have conquered our weaknesses, fears, and sins--even as You have conquered death itself! Grant us Your strength to begin anew, thanks to Your great love. Amen!

Hymn 551 “Lord, Have Mercy” Congregation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sharing of God's Love and Forgiveness Alexandra Holt

Leader: This is the Good News--that the God who is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, has forgiven our sins--past, present, and future. In Jesus' Name, we find redemption!

People: Thanks be to God!

Children are invited to come forward during the singing of 'Glory Be to the Father'

◆ Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father" Congregation
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Prayer Pastor Winslow

Ministry of Music "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Chancel Choir
*Savior, like shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast brought us, thine we are.
Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.*

◆ Scripture: John 20:24-29 (NKJV) Pastor Winslow
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord **People: God is still speaking.**

Message "Do you doubt?" Pastor Winslow
Hymn 256 "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real" Congregation

Offering Pastor Winslow
Offertory Hymn 710 "We Are an Offering" Congregation

◆ Hymn 606 Congregation
*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.*

◆ Prayer of Dedication Pastor Winslow

◆ Affirmation of Faith—Apostle's Creed Congregation
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Winslow

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

◆ Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Congregation

◆ Benediction

Pastor Winslow

**Send us forth, Lord, as Easter People,
and call us to faithful discipleship.
Lead us to repentance and new life.
Enrich us to listen and to hear God's Word.
Equip us to serve and respond in Christ's Way.
Empower us to live everyday with the hope of the Spirit. Amen.**

◆ Postlude

Mary Dailey

**Place your prayer request cards in the offering plate
or in the box in Chandler Hall.**

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Liturgist

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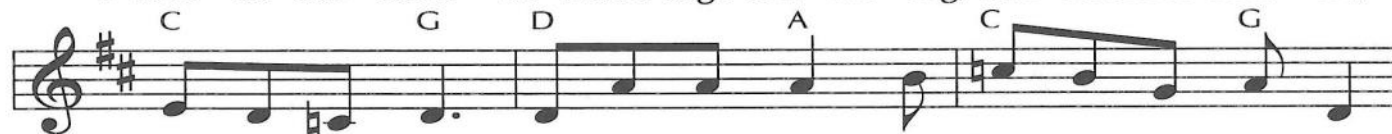
Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (quarter). The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The bass line consists of chords: G2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), D2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), and D2 (quarter). The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

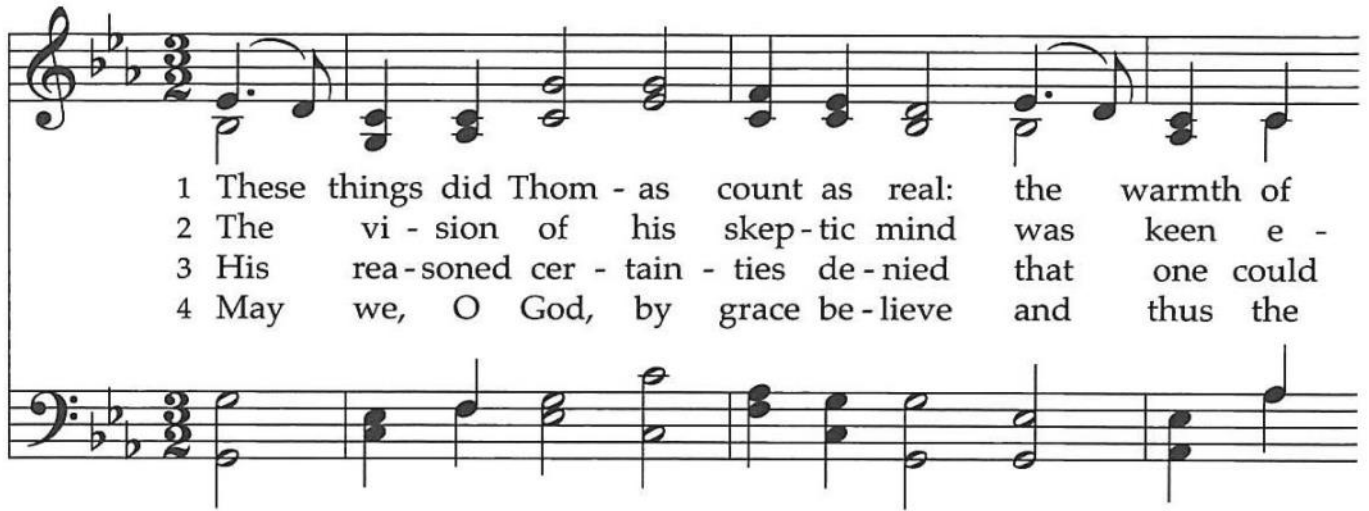
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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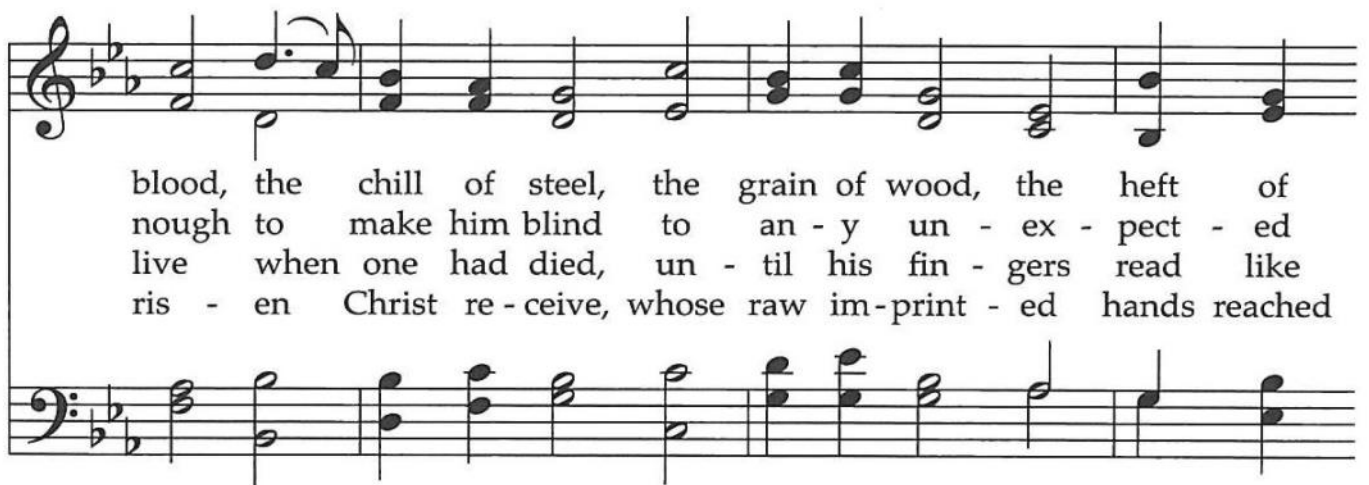
THEMBA AMEN

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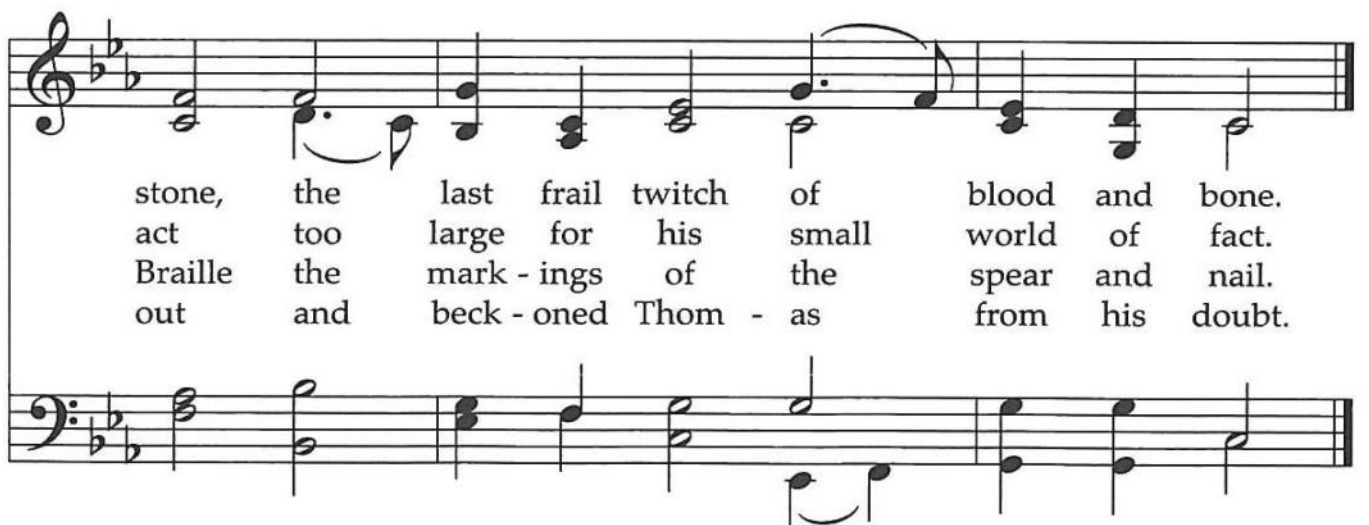
256 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi - sion of his skept - tic mind was keen e -
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the



blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex - pect - ed
live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed hands reached



stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

We Lift Our Voices

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We Are an Offering

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and triplets.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you. We lift our
voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Arrive at 8:45 am for a light breakfast! Classes start at 9:00am

We begin a new Adult Sunday School series--"How to read your Bible", using material from RightNow Media. We look forward to having you join us as we learn more together about how to get the most out of your study of God's Word.

Children's class will be held in the Sunday School room on the Windermere level.

Mark your calendars!

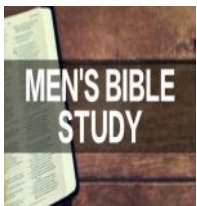
Saturday, May 4, 10:00am to 3:00pm is FPCL's Leadership Retreat in Ficklin Hall. This gathering is for those currently serving in leadership positions, as well as those interested in joining in conversation and discernment about where God is leading and how we will get there.

To prepare for lunch, please send an RSVP to Elinor at fpcl@fpcl.org. With an accurate count, we will know how much food will be needed.

The gathering will offer some presentation, some questions about FPCL's past, and some questions about our future, all while we determine what is most important to us and learn how to weave those values into how we will be disciples of Jesus into the future.

I hope you will come!

The Reverend Jonathan Murray
Pastor, First Presbyterian, Littleton



Join in the fellowship and study

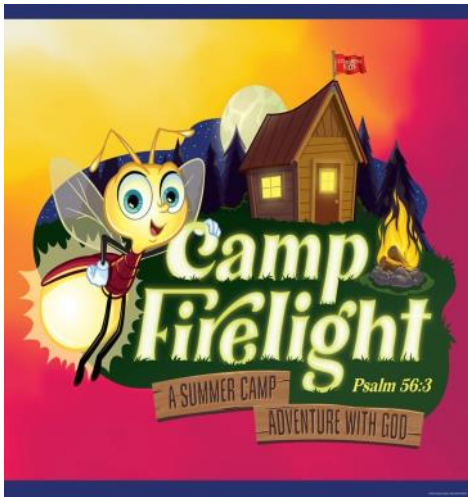
2 studies that alternate **every other Monday** between a morning study and an evening study. **Morning Study 7:00am * Evening Study 6:30 pm** Contact Scott Chandler for morning information.
scott@franklincourtpartners.com or 303-888-0132

Leadership

Elders: Trey McDowell-Clerk of Session, Maggie Ashworth, Jan Hole, David LeMay, Don Meersman, Rick Wilson, Sue Chandler and Beth Opperman

Presbytery Commissioners: Rick Wilson and Kathy McDaniel

Deacons: Joy Carreño, Becky Gibson, Cheryl Baughman, Kathy Frear, Julie Johnston, Jess Karet, Jennie Staritzky and Deb Graham



Vacation Bible School

"Camp Firelight" will feature an outdoors/summer camp theme, as children learn about facing their fears by trusting in God! As in years past, participants will be part of a team rotating together through different stations including Opening/Closing Celebrations (with music), crafts, science experiments (new for this year!), Bible stories, recreation, snacks, and team time! And of course, as always, at FPCL our VBS is 100% free for your family!

We do ask you to register in advance however, just so that our staff can be prepared for how many children to expect. Here is the link to our online registration



form: <https://first-presbyterian-littleton.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

Please get in touch if you have any questions! Also, we still have some volunteer opportunities, if you would like to help! Contact Pastor Blakeley: pastorblakeley@fpcl.org



New Sermon Series Starting TODAY ***Christ Encounters of the Risen Kind***

April 28: John 21:1-23 'Meeting Jesus Clothed'

May 5: Matthew 28:16-20 'The Great Commission'

May 12: Acts 1:3-11 'What's Ascension Got to do with It?' ,Pastor Winslow preaching

May 19: Acts 2:1-21 'The Spirit Cometh!'

May 19: Installation Service for Pastor Jonathan Murray –Sunday Afternoon

Office Volunteer Needed for my Summer Vacation
Tuesday, July 30, 9am to 2:00pm: If you are available to help please contact Elinor by email fpcl@fpcl.org or call 303.798.1389 ext 1

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:00 – 7:00 PM**

April 30, 2024

Doors Do Not Open Until 6:00

**Where – First Presbyterian Church
1609 W Littleton Blvd.**

MENU: Green Chili and Chicken Casserole, Confetti Corn, Tossed Green Salad, Chips and Salsa, Fruit and handheld desserts



Questions- (303) 798-1389

<http://littletonpresbyterian.org/dinner>

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