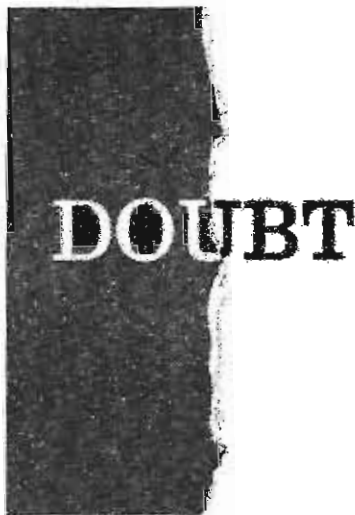


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Worship and Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

April 28, 2019
2nd Sunday of Easter

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord, you told us that where there were two or more of us gathered in your name that you would be among us. We thank you for being here among us and for walking with us each and every moment. We know that you make no false promises and your goodness and grace and unyielding.

We come to you today to worship and adore you with all we have to give. We come to you today to proclaim your holy name and thank you for saving us from our sins. We join with all of our fellow Christians who confess you as our Lord and Savior. Give us the strength to be your disciples and to live the life that you ask of us, so that one day we will be seated at your side in Heaven. Amen.

Tom Senerchia

*SINGING

Blessed Assurance

No. 369

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All who are able, please stand.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

No. 465, v. 1 & 2

All: Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Trust and Obey

No. 467

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

NT Pg. 115

MESSAGE

Do You Have Any Doubt?

Tom Senerchia

*SINGING

Jesus, Draw Me Close

FWS No. 2159

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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.*

John 20:25

The unease you feel is not doubt.
It is hunger to go deeper.
You are not done yet.

Learn from Thomas,
who, when Jesus planned to go to Bethany
where they had tried to stone him,
said, "Let us go die with him."

You want to see the scar of your betrayal
and how love bears it.

You want to touch the wounds
and enter the heart of The One
Who Suffers for the World
and lives.

Now, more than before,
you are ready to come and die with him,
let love undo you and begin again.

Don't belittle your restlessness.
Let it lead you.
Reach out.
Even now he is saying your name.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*, www.unfoldinglight.net

CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know?
Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway
so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

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