

Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Welcome To Worship
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
April 27, 2025 ~ 11 am

SELECTION “God So Loved”

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love

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Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love, His amazing love
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Faith never comes easy. Thomas doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

P: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

L: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may fully believe.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*SELECTION: "Hymn of Heaven"

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand genera - tions
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Forever He shall reign

So, let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Jeff

SCRIPTURE: Lyla Cooper
John 20: 19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to

them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.'

²⁶ 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.' ²⁷ 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.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ 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

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

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

*SELECTION: "Do It Again"

Walking around these walls I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Your promise still stands, Great is your faithfulness faithfulness
I'm still in your hands, This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

I know the night won't last your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

Your promise still stands, Great is your faithfulness faithfulness
I'm still in your hands, This is my confidence
You've never failed
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You've never failed me yet

I've seen you move you move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way where there was no way
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I never will forget You've never failed me yet
I never will forget

SERMON: "Seeing Is Believing"

Pastor Jeff

SELECTION "I Believe"

I believe there is one salvation, One doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession, I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion, By His blood, I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection, Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat

All praise to God, the Father, all praise to Christ, the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name, I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven, He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine, Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar, keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

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No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE: "I Believe"

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Holy God, we are eternally thankful for life, and life eternal which you give us through Jesus Christ. With thanks and praise in our hearts, for all you have given us, we come and offer these gifts and offerings to you. Use them to help the church grow, and to spread the Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff