

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Lift High the Cross" (Sydney H. Nicholson, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 163: "Lord of the Dance"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Give Me Jesus" (L. L. Fleming)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.' 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.' 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 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.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

Sermon: "DANCING WITH DOUBT"

Hymn 227: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Benediction

Benediction Response 153: "Siyahamba / We Are Dancing"

We are DANCING in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, Oo, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, Oo, we are dancing in the light of God.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gretta Delaney, Chancel Choir

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the
 2. I danced for the scribe and the
 3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I
 4. I danced on a Fri-day when the
 5. They cut me down and I

world was be-gun, And I danced in the moon and the
 phar-i-see, But they would not dance, and they
 cured the lame: The ho-ly peo-ple said it
 sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
 leapt up high; I am the life that-'ll

stars and the sun, And I came down from heav-en and I
 would-n't fol-low me; I danced for the fish-er-men, for
 was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they
 dev-il on your back. They bur-ied my bod-y and they
 nev-er, nev-er die; I'll live in you if you'll

LORD OF THE DANCE
 Irregular with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.
 hung me high, And left me there on a Cross to die.
 thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on.
 live in me: 7 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll

lead you all in the Dance, said he. Dance, said he.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt.

Robert Jackson, 1840-1914

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I

life a - new, That I may love what Thou dost
 heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I will one
 whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly part of
 nev - er die, But live with Thee the per - fect

love And do what Thou wouldst do.
 will, To do and to en - dure.
 me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
 life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

TRENTHAM
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