

* HYMN (below)

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Toccata in a minor

Sweelinck

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



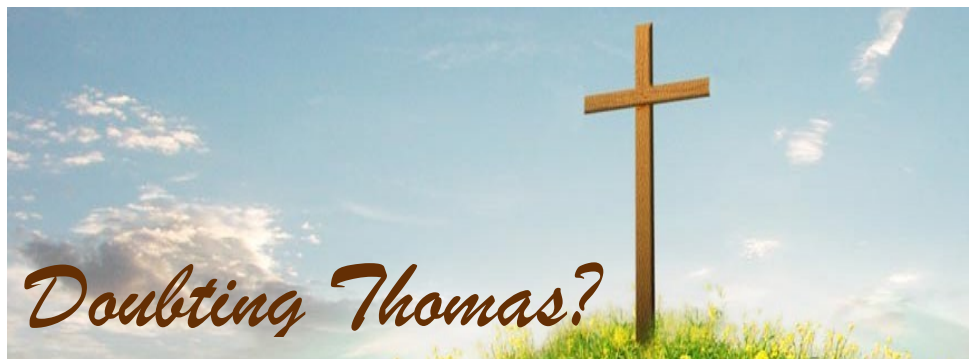
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 23 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
 Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.



WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Many and Great, O God arr. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
 Praise God with clapping hands;
 praise God with hands comforting a child.
Praise God with silent hearts;
praise God with hearts broken for the world.
 Praise God with electric guitars;
 praise God with soft piano chords.
Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop;
praise God with rhythms that don't stop.
 Praise God with a hallelujah chorus;
 praise God with a Gregorian chant.
Praise God with dancing steps;
praise God with feet walking for justice.

* HYMN 302

I Danced in the Morning

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Holy God, Lover of your children: the tomb has been opened, and we dance into your future. Your life has dawned on us, and we surround you with our praise. You reach out your hand, and lead us into joy.

Jesus Christ, Faithful Witness: you pick open the locked doors of our hearts and come in to be with us forever. You breathe peace into our souls, so we may bring healing to a troubled world.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Peace: you show us our hearts, so we may give love to others. You show us our hands, sending us to serve the needy. You show us your hope, so we may live in your joy. Amen

* HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited forward

HYMN 294

Wherever I May Wander vs 2

**Throughout the whole creation I see God's loving care for everyone in every land, God's children everywhere. Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be, I'm certain of my Maker's love;
God's care is over me.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16, John 20:19-31

SERMON

Doubting Thomas?

* HYMN 300

Down to Earth, as a Dove

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *Easter from "Five Mystical Songs"* Vaughan Williams
(Lyrics to the song can be found in the announcements at the top of page 2)

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RECOGNITION AND RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Constitutional Questions of Confirmands

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**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.**

Welcome By the Congregation

Let us, the members of Riverside Presbyterian Church express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of the church. We promise to support and nurture you. We promise to listen to your hopes and dreams for our church.

Prayer for Confirmands