



easter wednesday,
april 06, 2016-7:00 pm

the open door ~ praise & worship service

...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying

welcome & announcements

song "oceans (where feet may fail)"

prayer chris martirano

song "Your unfailing love"

prayers of the people pastor alex

john 20:19-31 [msg] joe tigner

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=MSG>

To Believe

19-20 Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he showed them his hands and side.

20-21 The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant.

Jesus repeated his greeting:

"Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

22-23 Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them.

"Receive the Holy Spirit," he said.

"If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good.

If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

24-25 But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room.

This time Thomas was with them.

*Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said,
"Peace to you."*

²⁷ Then he focused his attention on Thomas.

"Take your finger and examine my hands.

Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

²⁸ Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

²⁹ Jesus said,

"So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes.

Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

*³⁰⁻³¹ Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs
than are written down in this book.*

*These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and in the act of believing,*

have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

children's moment

reflecting on God's message

pastor alex

presentation of the offerings

holy communion [maybe video "doubting thomas" by twotp during
serving of the bread and cup]

[adapted from "the Foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet the Foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet" by
john van de laar]

prayer after receiving [adapted from prayer "we choose not" by john van de laar]

http://sacredise.com/index.php?option=com_multicategories&view=article&id=91:choosenot&Itemid=35

anthem

"because He lives (Amen)"

song

"my Redeemer lives"

dance party with Jesus

"celebrate, Jesus, celebrate"

benediction & passing the peace

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