

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH 2020 WORSHIP PACKET
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Opening Prayer – “Lord Jesus, thank you for meeting us where we are at, especially during this time of being home more than we would like. We miss our family, our friends, our GRANDKIDS! We miss worshipping together in person. Yet, we are reminded that you come to us, even in our disbelief, and whisper PEACE into our lives in the midst of our unsettledness. Give us the courage to declare, like Thomas ... “My Lord and My God!”. In your name we pray, amen.”

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 462

Text: Louisa M. R. Stead, c. 1850-1917

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

Tune: TRUST IN JESUS, Meter: 87.87 with Refrain

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

(Refrain)

Scripture for Today

John 20:24-31

Sermon

"Don't Stop Believin"

Pastor Lori

Study Questions:

- 1) How does Jesus deal with Thomas unbelief? (verse 29)
- 2) What is significant about the way that Thomas responds?
- 3) Can you remember the first time that you really identified Jesus as "My Lord and My God"?
- 4) What doubts or questions about God are you struggling with right now? What have you found to be helpful in dealing with the uncertainty of this time in which we are in? What have you found to be helpful when you doubt in faith?
- 5) Why do you think that Thomas wasn't present with the disciples the first time Jesus appeared?
- 6) Has there been a time in your life when you have felt like Thomas??
- 7) Think about ways that you can safely reach out to some others this week – a card, a phone call, etc ... and if you are feeling down ... please reach out. My phone is 507-220-3557.

PRAYERS: Beva Walters, Sam & Peggy Tutt in the death of Bob Walters. Sandy & Chad Jensen Family in the death of Darlene. Pastor Lori's Mom (Joyce Mulder) hospitalized in Sioux Falls. Hearts that are lonely. Those who are suffering job losses and financial strain. Seniors missing out of final things. Parents who are juggling work and school online. For a vaccine and testing of COVID-19. – Blessers Up!

Closing Prayer – God, sometimes we just get overwhelmed with all of the things we can't control. Help us to put our faith, Hope, Trust in you and lay it all at your feet. We pray for many today (as above) and we pray the prayer that you taught us to pray ...

Lord's Prayer