

WORSHIP GUIDE

April 19, 2020

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

In truth, we are often skeptical about positive happenings.

It is easy to identify with the disciple Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.

That is just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

Living Hope

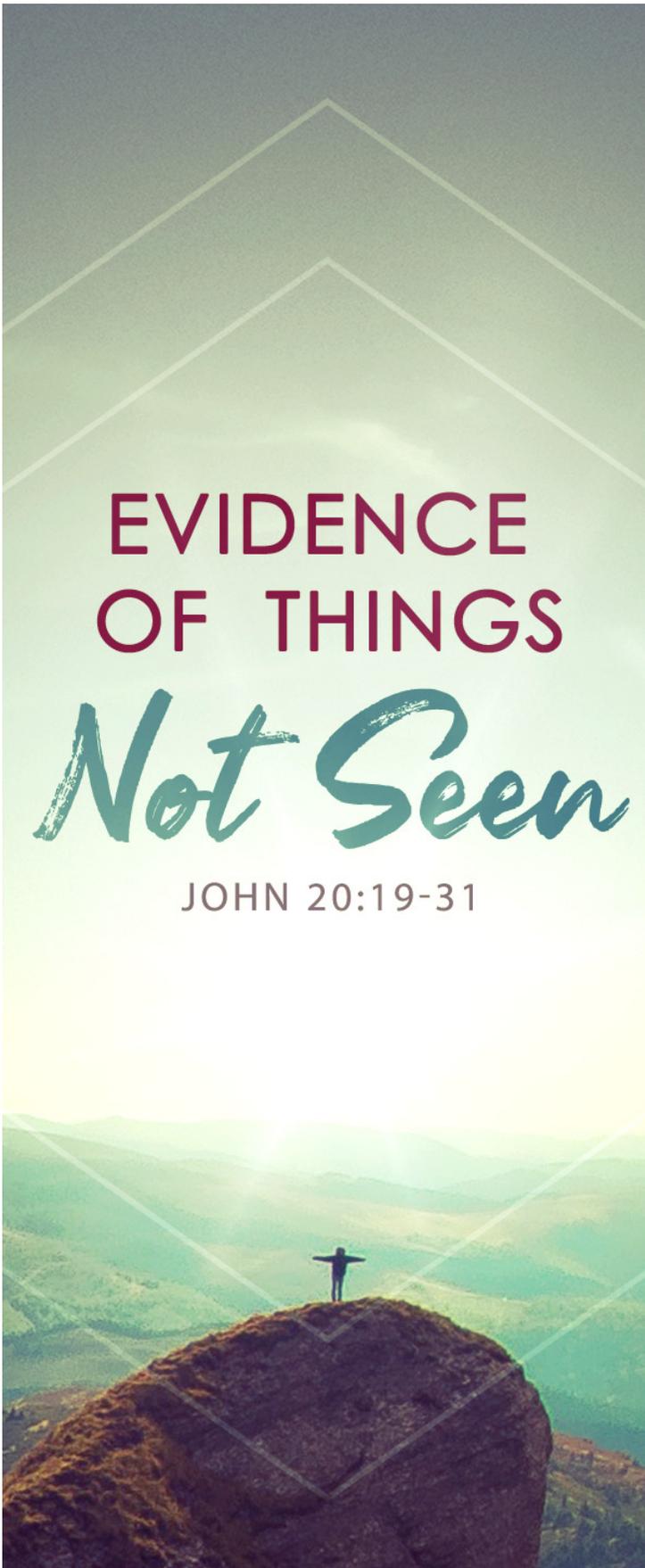
PRAYER

Generous God, we thank You for Your presence in our lives. As we worship this morning, we are confronted with our doubts and our fears. Today, banish our doubts and fears with the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, Your power, mercy and love are with us. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31



SERMON

Evidence of Things Not Seen

Pastor Jenn Lucas

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR TODAY

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Lord, we find ourselves in the locked doors of ourselves just as the disciples were behind closed doors. We, too, are afraid, perhaps for a different reason than theirs. We need the breath of the Holy Spirit to take away our fears so that we can come out from behind these locked doors.

Lord, we are like Thomas with our questions and our doubts. We sometimes need to see in order to believe,

we need You in order to have faith.

Lord, because our world is full of disease, violence, and unrest,

we too need the peace You bring.

Lord, just as Thomas confessed You are his Lord and his God,

we boldly claim You as Lord and God for our lives.

Lord we thank You for the blessing You have given us, the ones who believe without seeing. We seek to be welcoming people to all who doubt. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer our gifts to You. Through Your blessing and our willingness to share, may our offerings become a source for hope and love in our church family, and in the community beyond us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

I've Got Peace Like a River

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

[Romans 15:13]

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