

# SYA

## SIMPSON YOUTH ACADEMY

*Exploring Transformative Questions*

**Welcome:** Rev. Eric Rucker, Simpson College Youth Academy Director

**Opening Song:** In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (by Taize)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*

*In the Lord I will rejoice*

*Look to God, do not be afraid*

*Lift up your voices, the Lord is near!*

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**Scripture Reading:** John 20:19-31 (excerpts) & Matthew 28:20

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 religious leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

And when Jesus 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."

And Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Divine Parent has sent me, so I send you.

"And surely I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**Blessings:** Simpson Youth Academy students and alumni

Musical Interludes: *"Here I am Lord, All I am Lord  
Here I am Lord, I am Yours"*

(\*interludes by Michael Gungor)

**Closing Hymn:** 10,000 Reasons (by Matt Redman)

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

**Benediction**