

Second Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, April 12th, 2026

Liturgist: Gail Lingerman

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:
How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **UMH # 140**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, The prejudice that impedes us, The

ignorance that hinders us, The doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will Find courage in unlikely places, Move to those places where love is needed, And have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

- 19** 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 Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
25 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."
26 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."
27 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."
28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

- 29 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."
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are
not written in this book.
31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE "Peace Be With You" **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" **UMH # 349**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH # 95**

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Easter People Raise Your Voices" **UMH # 304**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

- * The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.
- * Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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The Incredulity of Saint Thomas, 1601-1602, Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da, 1573-1610, Neues Palais in Sanssouci (Museum : Potsdam, Germany), Painting, Potsdam, Germany

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