

Second Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, April 27th, 2025

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies above us, the assurance of the earth beneath us, and the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Live!

*HYMN	"He Lives"	UMH # 310
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Eternal God, who was and is and is to come, you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. In you, O God, we move and have our being. Be the foundation of our strength, as we seek to bring your kingdom here on earth. Be the foundation of our courage, as proclaim your glory for all to hear. We ask this in the name of the one who conquered the grave to bring us eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

God of earth and sky, your enduring love is like a mighty glacier that pushes aside all that stands before it. Be patient with us as we strive to embrace the promise of our faith. Like Thomas before us, we long to believe in the power of your resurrection, but so many doubts remain. Faced with the ravages of hate, love seems like a candle in the wind. We cleave to the promise of life, but death keeps hold of us still. Come to us, in the midst of our doubt, that we may see Christ's glory and proclaim with Thomas: "My Lord and my God!" and taste the fullness of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The power of God's love heals us. The power of Christ's love saves us! The power of the Spirit's love sets us free! **Thanks be to God!**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-23 (NRSV)

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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."

MESSAGE

“Peace Be With You”

Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

UMH # 462

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

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, you are the source of every blessing. In gratitude for bringing peace to our lives, receive these offerings as signs of our commitment to live as your faithful disciples. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Trust and Obey"

UMH # 467

*BENEDICTION Responsive

See and believe.

We go with our eyes newly opened.

See and believe.

We go with our doubt transformed by faith.

See and believe.

We go with our sorrow replaced by joy.

Go with God's blessing.

POSTLUDE



Welcome to

Mendham United Methodist Church

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10 East Main Street, Mendham, NJ 07945

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Sunday, April 27th, 2025



Incredulity of St. Thomas, ca. 1620, Strozzi, Bernardo, 1581-1644, Painting

Rev. Dongkue Jee, Pastor

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* 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.