

April 12th, 2026

Second Sunday in Easter

Preludes: "Worship You There"
 "No Doubt About It"
 "Evidence"

Welcome

Call to Worship:

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.

Opening Prayer:

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.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

Children's Message "Do You Have to See It?"

Joys and Concerns/Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 070

The Offertory

**The Doxology"

UMH 095

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

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.

*Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

The Scripture Lesson(s): John 20:19-31

Message:

Stories That Matter
Week 1
Unless I See

Music Ministry

"I Still Believe"

*Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

UMH #389

Benediction and Going Forth:

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
~John 20:29-31~

**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”**



**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

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