

### For Prayer & Contemplation

Doubts are the burden the believer must carry to keep her eyes opened to the suffering of others. -*Richard Beck*

### Welcome & Sharing Information

**Prelude** "Simple Gifts/Holy Holy Holy" - arr. Goldston  
Jillian Lai, piano

### Call to Worship

One: Thomas said:

**All: "Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

One: We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

**All: Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!**

One: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

**All: Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

One: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**All: Amen.**

\***Hymn No. 438** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

### Prayer of Confession (Written by Thom Shuman)

God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

### Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance

One: Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

\***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

**"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."**

### \*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

**Anthem** "Lord of All Hopefulness" - arr. Cain  
Sunshine Singers

### Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

### Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Acts 2: 22-32*

**New Testament** pgs. 119-120, LP pg. 145

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *John 20: 19-31*

**New Testament** pg. 115 LP pg. 141

**Sermon** "Being Seen" – Rev. Drew Harrison

\***Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

\***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Thank you, Lord. We do not deserve all that you have given us. Accept what we offer, knowing that it represents our whole selves, which we give to you in thanks. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, Peggy Price, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, The Family of Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeve, Erin Fitzpatrick, The Family of John Clayton, Caroline, David, Jamie, Hayden, Cindy Sudano, Sue Hummel, Mavis Finch*

### The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\***Hymn No. 442** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

### \*Benediction

\***Benediction Hymn No. 243** "Be Not Afraid"

**"Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!"**

**Postlude** "Dialogue" - Martin

\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* Please stand as you are able. \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Ballard & Margaret Ginter
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bev Ballard
<b>Acolyte</b>	Doug Hoffman

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> <b>April 16 – April 23</b>	
<i>Sunday</i> <b>April 16</b>	10 AM Worship Service Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am
<i>Monday</i> <b>April 17</b>	Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> <b>April 18</b>	Third Meal 5:30pm, Girl Scouts – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> <b>April 19</b>	Circle of Life 1:30pm, Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30pm,
<i>Thursday</i> <b>April 20</b>	Joy Circle 10am, Bell Choir 7pm, Christian Education 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> <b>April 21</b>	
<i>Saturday</i> <b>April 22</b>	
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**MUSIC NOTES**



Today's prelude is Margaret Goldston's 1999 mash-up of two favorite hymn tunes, "Simple Gifts" and "Nicea," which she arranged for piano duet. The anthem is Robin Cain's 1999 song for unison voices, based on the Irish folk tune "Slane." The postlude is Gilbert M. Martin's 1971 composition highlighting antiphonal sections of the organ. He was recently honored by Westminster Choir College as a distinguished composer and graduate. We thank Jillian Lai and the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



**April 18** Gene Cressman  
**April 20** Mary Kate Fitzpatrick  
**April 21** Claire Powell



10 AM Worship Service  
 April 16, 2023  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 Rev. Drew Harrison