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Second Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*Let It Rise*

See screens.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kerry Foote

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

*Liturgist: Easter people, Christ is risen!*

**Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Congregation: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

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

**Congregation: Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

*Liturgist: 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.*

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (v. 1-4)

UMH #462

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

*Liturgist: God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.*

**Congregation: 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.**

*Liturgist: 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!*

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 16 (NKJV)

A Michtam of David

Liturgist

The Hope of the Faithful, and the Messiah's Victory

16 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup>O my soul, you have said to the Lord,

"You are my Lord,

My goodness is nothing apart from You."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints who *are* on the earth,  
“They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”  
<sup>4</sup> Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten *after* another *god*;  
Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
Nor take up their names on my lips.  
<sup>5</sup> O Lord, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup;  
You maintain my lot.  
<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen to me in pleasant *places*;  
Yes, I have a good inheritance.  
<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel;  
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.  
<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;  
My flesh also will rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup> For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.  
<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

**Dear Jesus, thank You that You help us accept by faith that You have risen from the grave and that You are alive.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31(NKJV)

Liturgist

*The Apostles Commissioned*

<sup>19</sup> Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

*Seeing and Believing*

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving but believing.”

<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

*That You May Believe*

<sup>30</sup> And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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## MISSION MOMENT

### PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card located on the information table and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect during song and pray over cards at the chancel rail.*

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Open Our Eyes Lord*

TFWS #2086

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

### SERMON

Pastor

Title: Stories That Matter

Theme: Unless I See

Main Idea: Thomas reminds us that the power of Resurrection is inseparable from its reality.

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts)

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

(Inspired by John 20:19-31)

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.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

UMH #95

### \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (v. 1-4)

UMH #384

### \*COMMISION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

*May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will find Resurrection in the meeting of our vulnerability...and all of God's children said...Amen*

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be with You till We Meet Again* (v. 1-4/ no chorus) UMH #672

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of my mother, Hazel  
Wagner,  
by  
Pat Alley.*