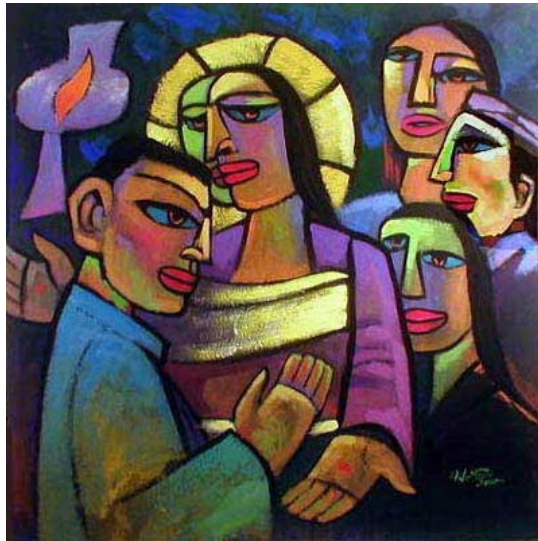


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The Doubt of St. Thomas, by He Qi

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Tim Graves)

One: We gather as people on a journey.

**Many: We believe and we have doubts,**

One: we do good and we sin.

**Many: We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.**

One: May the Spirit inspire our hearts and enlighten our minds as we worship together.

**Community Prayer**

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. Oppression, marginalization, and hate continue to plague our world, and it is often hard to see your love and light. In the midst of the chaos and disorder that threaten to confuse our lives, may we find time to rest and receive your peace. Help us to know your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so we might share that love with one another. Amen.

## Sermon Focus & Title

Doubt and Blessing

Bethany Nelson

As our Easter season continues, we will focus on the disciple named Thomas, often called “Doubting Thomas.” We will wonder together about his experiences following Jesus’ death and resurrection, and consider how our doubts may become blessings.

## Scripture Passage

### John 20:19-29

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.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.”

## Hymns

Christ Is Alive! No. 246

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers, No. 231

## Quote for Reflection, Discussion, and Prayer

“We believe in God whom we do not see  
because of truth and beauty,  
love, goodness, and integrity,  
which make the divine a part of human life.”

~ Joseph T. Nolan