

**April 12, 2026**  
**Traditional Worship**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**



**Prelude:** Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands - Bach

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

Leader: Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

**People: In this place, we find hope and joy.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Let us worship the one who brings new life.**

**\*Opening Prayer: Living God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. We are grateful for the new life you give and for the hope and joy you share with us. We are grateful that you lead us forward. Sustain us in these difficult times. Open our hearts to new possibilities. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** UMH 322 - Up from the Grave He Arose

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31 (8:45 Rob Moss, 11:15 Jack Martin)

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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Anthem:** Alleluia - Boyce

**Sermon: First Words: “Peace”**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering:**

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**Offertory:** O Sons and Daughters of the King - Dandrieu

**\*Doxology:** UMH 94

**\*Apostles’ Creed:** UMH 881

**\*Closing Hymn:** UMH 156 - I Love to Tell the Story

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Now the Green Blade Riseth - trad. French Carol

**Braddock Street UMC**  
**Followers of Jesus: Loving God, Loving Others, Serving the World**

**PRAYERS** Sun. Apr. 5. Easter

All Wars to End

Gail Austin

Ames Family

Kristen Andersen

Kathryn Baber

Barbara

**Bob Ball**

Steve Bailey

Robin Baker

Sherry Boland

Donnie Bowers

John Breeden

Bob Brock

**Denny Bromley**

Ruth Brown

Sean Bryan

**John Capehart's family**

Kim Carter

Erin Cissel

**Doug Clowser**

**Dinah Cole**

Doris Dailey

Mildred Dunnivan

**Barbara Devers**

Barbara Edwards

Evie

Kaeden Faulkner

Betty and Roger Flannagan

Michael Fox

John Ford

**Dorothy Ford**

**Christine French**

**Isabel Garcia**

Rafaela Garcia

John Gibbs

Patrick Gibrilla

Martha Gorden

Jerry Gordon

Joe Graber

**Dee and Ralph Grim**

**Francine Guiser**

Gary Heath

AJ Helsley

Bill Heston

Melinda Hillyard

Irv Hottle

**William Hubbard**

Charlie Hunt

Incarcerated persons

**Immigrants**

**Janet Kelleher**

Faye Kerns

Stephanie Knight

Olivia Landers

Sheila Lutjens

Raquel Lopez

Don Miller

**Maxine Mizell**

Stephanie Murphey

**Harold Ogg**

Buddy Orndorff

People of Iran

John and Michelle Phillips

Deanna Pifer

Angie Pita

Dusty Ponz

Deisy Portillo

Gene Powell

**Shirley Peterson**

Donna Roberts

Melanie Sabanosh

**Masen Savage**

Bill Scheuller

Dave Scott

**Melissa Shatzer**

**Steve Shatzer**

Mark Short

James Silvester

Chuck Simpson

**Greg Sine**

**Bill & Sandy Silzer**

Daniel Snapp

Debbie Sylvester

Gloria Weyem

Carrie, Meredith, Phyllis Titus

Terri Tufano

Unhoused neighbors

William Vesterlund

Dee Wheatley

Brian White

**Kristin Whitesides**

**(Bold names = long term prayers)**