

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

People of God, arise, shine,  
for your Lord has risen!  
The light of Christ has overcome the bonds of Death.  
God with us.

So arise, shine, for your light has come!  
We will follow the light—  
when it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations and  
when the road is unfamiliar.

We are in the presence of Immanuel-God with us—,  
may our knees bend in worship.  
When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God,  
May our hands open in generous sharing;  
May our mouths open in generous praise.  
*(paraphrased from Spacious Faith Blog)*

***Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

God's Greeting/Candle Lighting

God is here.  
Christ lives within us.  
The Spirit is among us.

***Song: Lord, I Need You***

Confession and Lament

Holy, Loving God,  
We cry out to you,  
Lord, can you hear us?  
We tire of our own missteps  
that lead us away from you.  
We are weary and worn out,  
broken and beaten,  
heartbroken, and hungry  
for justice, relief, healing, love.

Holy, Loving God,  
We know you are the God who hears,  
Who bends low to listen,  
Who draws near to heal,  
Who carries our crises,  
And who has walked in our skin.  
We affirm our trust in you,  
Trusting you will carry us through.  
(taken from anewliturgy.com)

#### Assurance

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away.  
The light shines in the darkness.  
God continues to renew us and restore us and our world.  
We are forgiven, loved and restored,  
receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now.  
Go and share the wondrous news of  
God's love in Jesus the Christ. Amen.  
(re-worship.blogspot.com)

#### Children's Message

***Song: Hold Me Jesus***

Scripture: John 20: 24-29

Sermon: Peculiar Treasure: Thomas

***Song: All to Jesus I Surrender***

Congregational Prayer

Offerings 1. Woody Nook Ministries  
2. The Mustard Seed

***Song: The Lord Bless You and Keep You***

## Sermon Guideline

1. Thomas gives voice to questions and longings we all have, what are they?
2. The Bible gives us permission to voice our doubts and questions to God. Where do we see this?
3. What questions for God and doubts about God do you have in this moment and at this time?
4. In her \_\_\_\_\_, the Resurrected Christ \_\_\_\_\_ her. In the middle of their \_\_\_\_\_, the Resurrected Christ \_\_\_\_\_ them. In the middle of Thomas' \_\_\_\_\_, the Resurrected Christ \_\_\_\_\_ him.
5. What if our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ to meet Christ? What does this bring up for you when you hear this?
6. Throughout Christian history people have said doubt might be a gift--what are the 5 reasons Dayna mentioned. Have you seen any of those to be true in your own life?
7. This story is a word of \_\_\_\_\_, an \_\_\_\_\_, and an \_\_\_\_\_.  
What stories can you share of seeing Christ at work in the world? What doubts can you give voice to and ask Christ to meet you in?