

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

**Prelude** “The Day of Resurrection” (Edwards) Rita Harmon

**Call to Worship** Becky Wheeler

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**By God’s mercy we have been given a new birth  
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Have you seen the risen Christ?

**We see him in the lives**

**of those transformed by grace.**

Have you seen Jesus face to face?

**Though we have not seen him in the flesh, we love him.**

**And even if we do not see him now face to face,  
we believe in him**

**and rejoice that one day we will see him face to face.**

Let us, in faith, worship God.

**Our faith is more precious than gold –**

**Our faith is a gift that will never pass away.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #234** “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

**\*Call to Confession** Becky Wheeler

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,**

**we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves,  
and apart from you.**

**We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins**

**and free us from selfishness,**

**that we may choose your will**

**and obey your commandments;**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Can you see what love has done? Opened the grave, freed us from sin,  
raised us to new life. Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria Patri #581**

**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.**

THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon on the Steps**

Carrie Wyatt

**Anthem**

“Alleluia, Alleluia” (Fishal) [Hymnal #240]

Chancel Choir

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

**First Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (Pew Bible OT p.119)

**Second Reading**

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible NT p.115)

The Word of God, for us, the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon from the Pulpit**

“Thank You, Thomas”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

(Apostles’ Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;**

**the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

**Service of Giving**

**Offertory**

“Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus” (Phillips)

David Thompson

**\*Doxology #606**

**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**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #233**

“The Day of Resurrection”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**\*Postlude**

“Flourish on Lobe den Herren” (Wagner)

Rita Harmon

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**

Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy; Nancy Smith; Hugh Fincher; Tommy Bedenbaugh & family; our neighbors experiencing homelessness; a friend facing heart surgery; Lea Wilson; Missy Wirthman; Don Berry; Joy Clemmer; Buck Jolley; Dave Newkirk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week’s lectionary readings are:**

Acts 2:14a, 36-4; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

**Sunday School Offering**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Sunday School offering will go to the Imagination Library.

**Soup Kitchen**

Sign up for opportunities to prepare the meal and/or serve at the Soup Kitchen. Sheets are available on the bulletin board across from the church office or see Mimi McCully. LPC’s next day is Saturday, April 22. Hours to serve are 10:30am – 1pm.

**An Odd Couple: Jonah and Ruth: A new class**

We began a new adult study on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. The class will use the Kerygma resource written by Carol J. Miller, a Methodist elder. We will explore “long ago and far away” stories of an unusual prophet named Jonah and of a faithful daughter-in-law named Ruth. What do Jonah and Ruth have in common? Why are they linked together in this study and called “an odd couple”? All are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings in the parlor at 9:45.

**New Church Directory**

We have begun to compile a new church directory. You should have received an email with a link to complete a Google form. You can also get a hard copy of the form in the church office. The form will also include a schedule for taking photos to include in the directory.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**April 17, 387:** Baptism of Augustine of Hippo on Easter Eve. According to his writings, Italy observed Easter on the 18th that year. (Under the rules of the Council of Nicea it should have been observed April 25th.)

**April 20, 1529:** At the Second Diet of Speyer (Germany), the term “Protestant” is first applied to participants of the Reformation. The term was taken from the Protestatio, a statement by the reformers challenging the imperial stance on religion.

**April 22, 1934:** Five thousand pastors and laypeople gather in Ulm Minster (Germany) where they create the “Confessing Church,” relying on the Reformation confessions in interpreting Scripture, rather than Nazi racial theories and propaganda.



In Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper*, Thomas' face is closest to Jesus on the right side of the picture (as we look at it). He leans toward Jesus and points his right index finger upward. What does Thomas' gesture mean? For another image of Thomas making that same gesture do an internet search for "The Incredulity of Thomas" by Caravaggio. Now what do you think that gesture means? Which painting came first?

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, April 16

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
12:30 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room

### Monday, April 17

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room

### Wednesday, April 19

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Saturday, April 22

10:30 AM Soup Kitchen

### Sunday, April 23

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
12:30 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room

### Upcoming

May 4 – Circle 4  
May 9 – Circle 1  
May 12 – Dinner

## NEXT STEPS

- Plan to be at Sunday School for the study of Jonah and Ruth
- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Complete and return your Church Directory Form
- Contribute to our hymnbook loan program (see 3/26 LimeLight for more information)
- Make reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Make reservations for the May 12 dinner (see this week's LimeLight)

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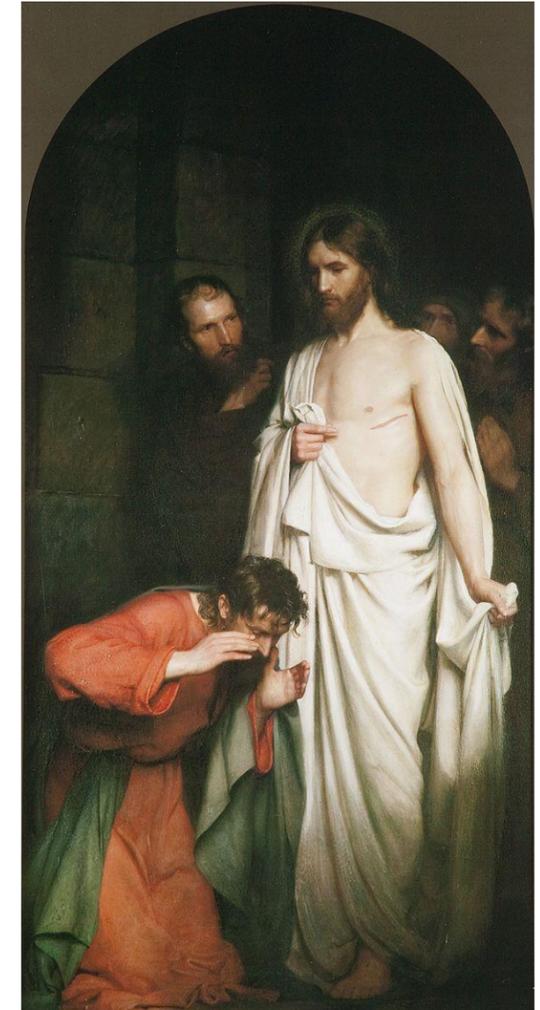


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GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Carl Bloch. *Thomas and Jesus*. 1881. Ugerlose Kirke, Ugerlose, Denmark.

Our natural ways of thinking, teaching, and learning are embodied. By *embodied*, I mean that people necessarily use body-based resources to make meaning and to connect new ideas and representations to prior experiences. I also mean that when we create educational systems that restrict our access to these natural, embodied resources, we impede our abilities to think and learn, and we may significantly underestimate what people know and how deeply they are engaged with the ideas of interest. -Mitchell J. Nathan, *Foundations of Embodied Learning*, p. 4.