

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

## WELCOME

## **Praise and Prayer**

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thomas said:

People: **“Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe.”**

Leader: We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

People: **Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!**

Leader: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

People; **Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

Leader: Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

All: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN      “Because He Lives”      #364  
Words by Gloria and William J. Gaither and Music by William J. Gaither

### PRAYER

*During this time of prayer, we invite you to name aloud or quietly in your heart the prayers that are on your heart. After a time of prayer lead by Pastor Brian, we'll pray together the Lord's Prayer.*

Naming our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer      #895

SPECIAL MUSIC      “Lift High the Cross”      Chancel Choir

## **Hearing the Word**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Brian

*During the Children's Message, children of all ages are welcome to come forward for a brief lesson with Pastor Brian. Pastor Brian will have a treat for the children to return to their seat with. The Children's Moment will be presented on our YouTube broadcast.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS      John 20: 19-31 NRSV

Kim Werth

### SERMON

**“Grieving Thomas”**

Pastor Brian

### REFLECTIVE MEDITATION

## **Responding to the Word**

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Mission and Ministry Moment

Offertory

\*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”      #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN      “Blessed Assurance”      #369  
Words by Fanny J. Crosby and Music by Phoebe P. Knapp

## **Sending Forth**

### BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor Brian

### POSTLUDE

**\*Please Stand** (Those who are unable to stand, please feel free to remain seated.)