

**Welcome!** We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. This is the Lord's house, and here everyone is truly welcome. Our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open to you. We invite you to make yourself at home in this sacred space, and to join fully in worship as we sing, pray, and praise God together. When you see an asterisk (\*) in the bulletin, please stand as you are able—your presence and participation bring life and joy to our worship.

Gathering "Open Our Eyes" TFWS 2086

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Welcome and Announcements Josef Valtierra

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

\*Call to Worship Josef Valtierra

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**People: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**People: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise "Christ Has Risen" TFWS 2115

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,  
sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright.  
They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign  
till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been –  
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

\* Choral Response "Gloria Patri" UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH 462

\* Scripture Reading John 20:24-29 Pastor Fabian  
**page # 141 in the New Testament of the Church Bible**

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 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."

20:26 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."

20:27 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."

20:28 "Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 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."

Message "Unless I See" Pastor Fabian

\* Hymn of Response "Christ is Alive" UMH 318

\*Offertory Prayer Josef Valtierra

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

Offertory Music Jill Jones-Lazuka

\* Congregational Response "Doxology" UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* Sending Forth "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er,
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

\* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Messages and Other Notes



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