

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (based on John 20:19-22)

L: Lord, show us your hands and your side today!

P: We want to see you alive, standing before us!

L: But you tell us today that Blessed are those who do not see yet believe!

ALL: Let our rejoicing be heard far and wide as we give you our struggles and doubts and trust that you have won the victory and desire us to believe with all our hearts! ALLELUIA!

*Opening Hymn "This is My Father's World" Page 144

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon:

Prayer of Confession

L: When we acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and God, true Christian fellowship exists. One of the major marks of this fellowship is the sense of joy we experience as we gather to worship God, to give thanks for Jesus Christ and to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

P: Yet, we confess that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely;

L: When our lives seem bereft of God's presence, desolate times when faith leads to doubt and questions, rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch you or see you, and so it is all too easy to become downcast and given to despair.

P: Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe.

L: Come to us, risen Christ. Come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts.

P: Come to us, risen Christ. Breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence.

ALL: Bless us all as people who have not seen you but who want to believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: "Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings on earth...loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood....To him be the glory and dominion forever and ever."(Revelation 1:5,6)

ALL: AMEN!

Offering "10,000 Reasons" Spirit Surge

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*Hymn "Open Our Eyes Lord" Page 2086

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 John 20:19-31

Sermon: *Believing is Seeing!*

Solo " Open the Eyes of My Heart" Daniel Shinabarger

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Page 431

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: John Schoenherr

10:00 am Joyce Bartlett

Coffee Hour

Maureen Sullivan

Jackie Schrafft

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

There will be a Welcome Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 1 at 3:30 pm.

Thank you so much for your donations to the Sunday school kids for their bee hive project for Heifer. We will reach our goal of enough for four hives!

The Rock a Thon and the bake sale have raised \$1,259 for this summer's mission trip. Thanks to everyone who participated.

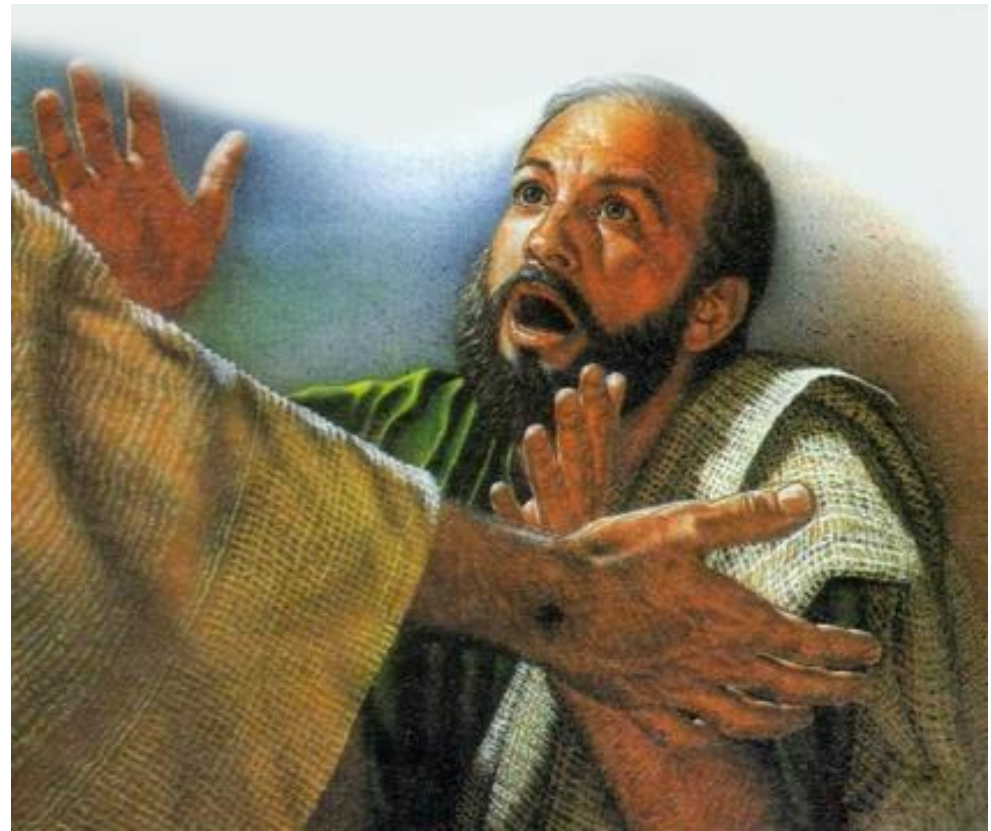
It is time to start collecting jewelry for the Holiday Fair. Leave your donations in the red box on the kiosk next to the door in the Solarium.

This summer there will be a Mission Trip at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop Maine. This trip is open to kids and adults. The dates are July 5 through July 11.

Looking way far ahead, Pastor John and Mary Beth have booked the Holy Land Trip to start on February 17, 2026! Let them know if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 18 -22. Contact Pastor Rebecca at 508-776-1374 if you are interested.

For Bible Study on Thursdays the Zoom passcode is 753843.



*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."-
John 20:29*

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