

# *The Second Sunday of Easter*

## *April 12, 2026*

### Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

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

Leader: The doors were locked. Fear filled the room.  
But even there, the risen Christ appeared.

**People: He comes to us in our fear and speaks peace.**

L: "Peace be with you," He says, showing his hands and his side.

**P: We behold the marks of love and rejoice in the risen Lord!**

L: When doubt lingers, and questions rise, Jesus does not turn away.

**P: He invites us to come closer, to see and believe.**

L: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

**P: We come with faith, seeking the life found in His name.**

L: Come, let us worship the risen Christ, who meets us where we are.

**ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

\*Opening Hymn "Easter People Raise Your Voices" Page 304

### Opening Prayer

### Children's Sermon

### Prayer of Confession

L: Gracious and risen Lord, you came to your disciples when they were afraid, standing behind locked doors, hiding from the world.

**P: We confess that we are not so different. We lock the doors of our hearts—afraid of what others might think, afraid of failure, afraid to trust fully in You.**

L: Like Thomas, we struggle with doubt. We want proof. We want certainty before we believe.

**P: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we let fear speak louder than faith, for the times we hold back instead of stepping forward.**

L: Breathe your peace into us again. Meet us in our questions.

Draw us closer to your wounded hands and loving heart.

**ALL: By your grace, move us from fear to faith, from doubt to trust, from hiding to hope. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray, Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: The risen Jesus came to his fearful disciples and did not condemn them— He stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." That same peace is given to you. Through his life, death, and resurrection, your sins are forgiven, your doubts are met with grace, and your hearts are made new. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, you are loved, you are sent.

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Offering "Listen to the Words (Peace Be With You)"

Doxology Page 95

\*Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Page 327

Scripture John 20:19-31

Sermon: *The First Easter. – Rev. Rebecca Mincieli*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "He Lives" Page 310

Benediction

*Coffee Hour*  
*Nancy Lloyd*  
*Diane Santoro*

*Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your 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***

**The Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9 am till 2pm.**

**The next Church Council Meeting will be on Wednesday April 29, at 7:00 pm in the Solarium.** Zoom ID 899 3150 1754 Passcode 582 665.

**Vacation Bible Camp will be held the week of August 17 -21. Contact Pastor Rebecca at 508-776-1374 if you are interested.**

**For Bible Study on Thursdays the Zoom passcode is 753843.**  
**Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.**

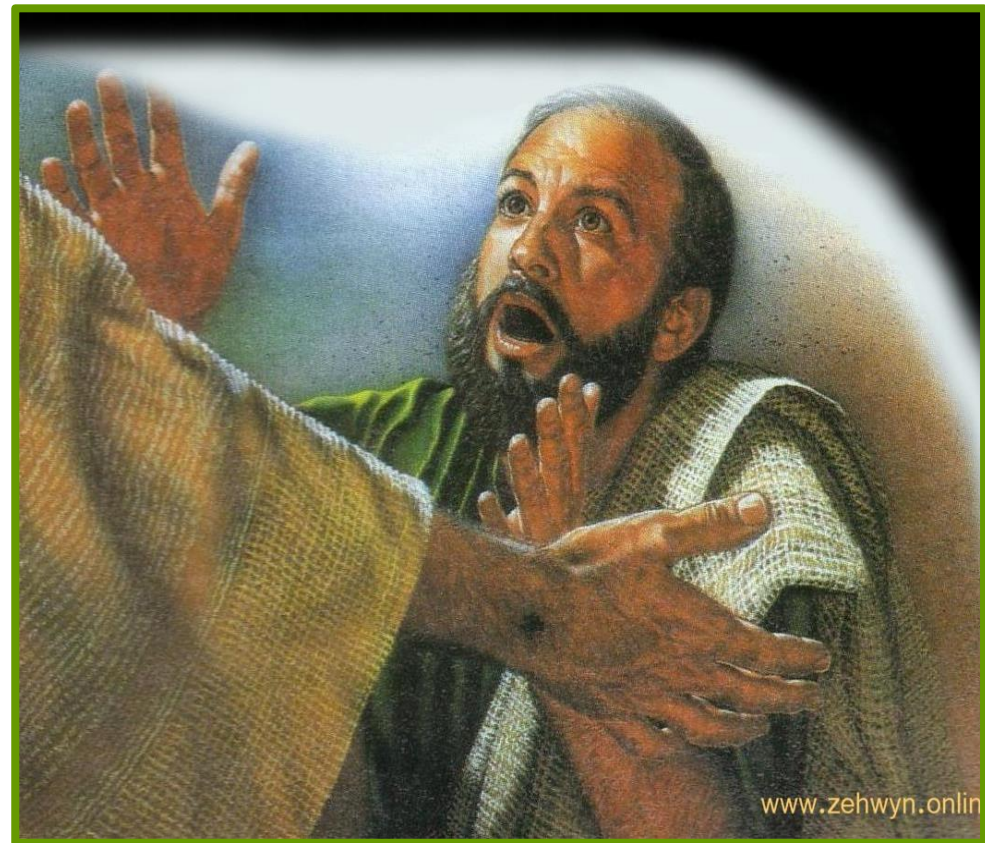
**Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!**

**Please support Diane Huban in her mission to run the Boston Marathon on behalf of FamilyAid. The Marathon is next Monday.**

**Lend a Hand is looking for more volunteers.** We meet every Monday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**After the Storm destroyed our Driveway Trees, Carl Riedell and the Trustees are going to install 6 ft. Limelight Hydrangea trees in their place.** You are welcome to donate toward the fund for these trees and their maintenance to honor or celebrate anyone or anything.

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*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."- John 20:26*

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***Rev. Rebecca Mincieli***

***Music Today***

***Brian Morris & Janet Leahy***