

Order of Worship
April 7, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – John 20:24-28, A Week after the Resurrection

Now Thomas (called The Twin), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came on the first day of the week.

So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.”

Hymn *He Lives* #310

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Reading Through the Bible in 2024!

Search the Scriptures – Week 14, Job

Sunday – Job 1, The Prologue: Job’s First Test
Monday – Job 3, The Prologue: Job’s Second Test
Tuesday – Job 19: Job’s Easter Affirmation
“I know that my Redeemer lives ...” (19:23-27)
Wednesday – Job 38-39: The LORD Speaks
Thursday – Job 40-41: The LORD Speaks
Friday – Job 42: Job’s Reply and the Epilogue

Gloria Patri – #70

Apostles’ Creed – #881

Our Favorite Hymns *In the Garden* #314

Offering & Doxology – #95

Scripture Reading – John 20:10-18

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon Pastor Paul

The First Resurrection Appearance of Jesus:

The Mystery of Mary Magdalene

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”
She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!”
John 20:16

Hymn *Up from the Grave He Arose* #322
Benediction

General Conference Information Session

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Eastern PA Conference's elected delegation to The United Methodist Church's General & Northeastern Jurisdictional conferences in 2024 will hold an Information Session to share with conference members its understanding and concerns regarding general church legislation being proposed for action. Please plan to attend this session via Zoom. The link can be emailed to you:

<https://epaumc.zoom.us/j/81957580004?pwd=6TdxngTa5KqEQ3j8pLmpQnME5M5cH5.1>

Meeting ID: 819 5758 0004 Passcode: 19403

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