



Sunday, April 19, 2020; The second Sunday of Easter

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Greeting

Hymn #318 "Christ is Alive" vs. 1, 2, 5

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**Holy and Gracious God, we are scattered today as we worship. We are scattered from our church buildings. We are scattered from our church family and friends. Often during this time we feel scattered of mind, body. Forgive us for the ways we act when we are scattered. Forgive us for our scattered minds and scattered lives. Help us to center on you. Help us to breathe fresh air and know your peace. Help us to find our home in the midst of the scattering. During this season of Easter, keep us mindful that we are a resurrection people. Scattered in place for growth and love.**

Passing of the Peace

Litany and Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon and Scripture

**John 20:19-31**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. <sup>31</sup> But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Closing Hymn #322 "Up From the Grave He Arose"

Blessing



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

Coming Next:		
April 26	You Shall Be My Witnesses	Acts 1: 1-14
May 3	Church at Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thess. 1:1-10
May 10	Church at Corinth	Acts 18:1-4 1 Cor. 1:10-18

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: John 20:19**

"Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, 'Peace be with you.'"

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Mon. Mark 3:13-19**

**Tue. Mark 6:6-13, 30-44**

**Wed. Mark 9:30-50, 10:13-16**

**Thu. Mark 10:32-45**

**Fri. Mark 14:43-52**

**Sat. Mark 14:66-72**

**Caring Conversations**

**Thinking About This Week's Story:** The readings this week are all about the Twelve. Jesus gave them important jobs to do. Sometimes they got it right. Sometimes they got it wrong. Why do you think Jesus trusted them with such an important task even though they seemed to not "get it" so often? As we follow Jesus, we often fail to "get it." Do the stories of the Disciples give you hope or discourage you?

**Getting Ready For Next Week's Story:** When Jesus ascended, the disciples were left looking into the sky, and an angel asked "What are you looking at?" Where do we look for Jesus still? Where can we find him?

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**This week's Connections Schedule:**

**Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study**

**Tuesday at 12:00-12:15 — Devotional**

**Wednesday 5:00-6:00 — Youth Zoom**

**Thursday 12:00-12:30 — Prayer**

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