



March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Doubting Thomas
Andy Barker

CALL TO WORSHIP by Nelson-Pallmeyer, and K. Wehlander, Adapted

Hilah Clarke and Charlotte

We live at mystery's edge
watching for a startling luminescence or a word to guide us.

All: In fragile occurrence the Holy One presents oneself and we must pause...

Daily, there are glimmers,
reflections of a seamless mercy
revealed in common details

**All: These circles of grace spill out around us
and announce that we are part of this mystery.**

We see the presence of God's beauty
reflected in our communities and in our world.

**All: We feel the warmth of God's love
in the returning sun, the masks of strangers,
and the texts from friends.**

Let us pray:

We give thanks for the opportunity we have to worship and celebrate this day.

May we be surrounded with a very real sense
of your presence, the Source and Sustainer of all that exists
as we spend this time together.

And as the sun rises each day in perfect newness,
so may we break upon this and every new day

with splendor and expectation:
renewed creatures, inspired and challenged by your Spirit of Wisdom.

May it be so.

Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Elissa Johnk

*OPENING HYMN

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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GOSPEL READING

John 20:24-29

Mary Hyde

TIME FOR UNBURDENING

Hannah Sachs

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke and the disciple Thomas

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Choir

THE DISCIPLE THOMAS

Dave Grace and the Rev. Bob Brown

RESPONSE IN SONG

We are telling Thomas' Story

MEDITATION

Rev. Elissa Johnk

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

These Things Did Thomas Count

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

The First Church Deacons

Amy: And so, with Elizabeth who prophesied your birth,
Mary who was the first to understand you as the Christ,
and Peter and Thomas and all who sought to follow in your way,
we join with the whole universe saying :

Baki: Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hannah: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Susan: Hosanna in the highest.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees

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SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Elissa Johnk

POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Preston Murphy, guitar

**Please rise, as you are able, in body or in spirit*