



EASTER II
04.12.26
Breakfast Church

Prelude – Welcoming Music and Opening Conversation

Welcome to Church on the Square! We're doing things a little differently this week, including breakfast treats and conversation for our service. Grab some breakfast and start or join a table. When you're in a group of 3-5 people, make introductions and get to know a little bit about each other. You can take turns answering these conversation questions:

- 1. What's something unlikely you learned about that turned out to be true?**
- 2. Have you ever seen something that wasn't there?**
- 3. What's something you've changed your mind about?**

Welcome and Explanation – Amy Sens

Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God, if you don't have any doubts, you are either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.

— Frederick Buechner

Song - Thank You for Being a Friend

**Thank you for being a friend
Traveled down the road and back again
Your heart is true you're a pal and a confidant**

**I'm not ashamed to say
I hope it always will stay this way
My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow**

**And if you threw a party
Invited everyone you knew
You would see, the biggest gift would be from me
And the card attached would say,
Thank you for being a friend**

Thank you for being a friend

**Thank you for being a friend
Thank you for being a friend**

**If it's a car you lack
I'd surely buy you a cadillac
Whatever you need, anytime of the day or night**

**I'm not ashamed to say
I hope it always will stay this way
My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow**

**And when we both get older
With walking canes and hair of gray
Have no fear, even though it's hard to hear
I will stand real close and say,
Thank you for being a friend**

Thank you for being a friend

Thank you for being a friend

Thank you for being a friend

Let me tell you bout a friend

Thank you for being a friend

Thank you for being a friend

Thank you for being a friend

**And when we die and float away
Into the night, the Milky Way
You'll hear me call, as we ascend
I'll see you there, then once again
Thank you for being a friend**

Thank you for being a friend

Announcements and Offering

**Community - Parents of Littles at Dypski Park 10am on April 18th
Spirituality - Resurrection Collage**

PASE - information meeting April 29 or May 6

Service - Offering and welcome - Veena Thamilselvan

Children's Message - Rachel Cooley Shawler

**God be in my head
God be in my words**

**God be in my heart
God be in my hands
God be in my whole self**

Prayers of the People - Amy Sens

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:26-39 CEB -

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. 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.

Sermon – Amy Sens

Table Conversation

Share in groups of 2-3.

- 1. Is there a character you identified with in the story?**
- 2. Is there something that resonated with you in the sermon?**
- 3. What role do you see for doubt in a life of faith?**

Reflection Song – Doubting Thomas - Nickel Creek

**What will be left when I've drawn my last breath
Besides the folks I've met and the folks who've known me
Will I discover a soul-saving love
Or just the dirt above and below me**

**I'm a doubting Thomas
I took a promise
But I do not feel safe
Oh me of little faith**

**Sometimes I pray for a slap in the face
Then I beg to be spared cause I'm a coward
If there's a master of death
I bet he's holding his breath
As I show the blind and tell the deaf about his power**

I'm a doubting Thomas
I can't keep my promises
Cause I don't know what's safe
Oh me of little faith

Can I be used to help others find truth
When I'm scared I'll find proof that it's a lie
Can I be led down a trail dropping bread crumbs
That prove I'm not ready to die

Please give me time to decipher the signs
Please forgive me for time that I've wasted

I'm a doubting Thomas
I'll take your promise
Though I know nothin's safe
Oh me of little faith

Eucharist - Rachel Cooley Shawler

God be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us praise God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Fellow-Traveler
It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is right, always and everywhere, to give God thanks and praise. Today we remember with gratitude the gift of the table: where we meet for a moment on our journeys, where we bring our lived experiences, our hopes, and our doubts, where we are fed by Jesus who knows & loves us. We remember his love for each disciple and their love for him, how he lived & served and called us to love like him, that in loving we might glimpse God, and in meals together we might “taste & see” God’s love.

We remember that on the night before he died, Jesus had one last meal with his friends. During the meal, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying “Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. As often as you eat it, remember me.”

We remember that after the meal was over, Jesus took one last cup of wine, gave thanks for it, and passed it around the table, to the disciples, saying “Take and drink, this is the cup of

the new covenant, the promise of God's love. As often as you drink it, remember me." Let us now share the bread and wine, receiving Jesus' gift of grace for ourselves. The table is set, and all are welcome.

Prayer and Blessing - Rachel Cooley Shawler

Let us pray:

Holy God, let your Spirit of resurrecting love be known and felt in these elements of bread and wine. Work through them to create hope & new life, in us & through us. Bring us healing and wholeness through the love, care and example of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Closing Song – Working on a Building - Traditional

**Well if I was a sinner, I tell you what I'd do:
I would quit my sinning and I'd work on a building too.**

Chorus:

**I'm a-workin' on a building, working on a building,
I'm working on a building for my Lord, for my Lord.
It's a Holy Ghost building, it's a Holy Ghost building,
I'm working on a building for my Lord, for my Lord.**

**Well if I was a preacher, I tell you what I'd do
I would keep on preaching and I'd work on a building too.**

**Well if I was a singer, tell you what I'd do
I would keep on singing and I'd work on a building too.**

**Well, if I was a dreamer, tell you what I'd do
I would keep on dreaming and I'd work on a building too.**

Dismissal - Amy Sens
