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***“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”***

***April 12, 2026***

***“So, I Send You”***

**Worship Leaders:**

**Pastor: Michael Small**

**Liturgist: Deb Farrell**

**Greeter: Chris Kolp**

**Special Music: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb**

**Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb**

**Tech:** Ace Diehl (Video), Samuel Batson (Audio)  
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**RINGING OF THE HOUR**

**† HYMN**

**“Yours Is the Glory”**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 16)**

One: Let us say to the Holy One: You are our God, we have no good apart from you!

**All: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart from you!**

One: The Holy One is our chosen portion and our cup; God holds our lot.

**All: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart from you!**

One: The Holy One provides us protection and refuge, keeps us in pleasant places,

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† For those who are able, please stand.

and gives a good heritage.

**All: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart from you!**

## **A TIME OF CENTERING**

*(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**Gracious and Eternal God, you never abandon us the way that we sometimes abandon you. We doubt your power and your compassion. We call upon your name, but too often without expectation that you will answer. We blame you for the things we have collectively caused or that life demands. Yet, we give ourselves credit for the good that comes our way. We offer empty apology devoid of real repentance. We want to be absolved without engaging in repair. Help us to cherish grace as a gift and mercy as a miracle. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)*

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

### **† PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

**Focus Scripture: John 20:19-31** *Priests for equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* (pp. 711-712). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>19</sup> In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus,<sup>21</sup> who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you."

<sup>22</sup> After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven.  
If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

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<sup>24</sup> It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or “Twin”—was absent when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples kept telling him, “We’ve seen Jesus!”

Thomas’ answer was, “I’ll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound.”

<sup>26</sup> On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>27</sup> Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, “Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don’t persist in your unbelief, but believe!”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said in response, “My Savior and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus then said, “You’ve become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. <sup>31</sup> But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus’ Name.

**REFLECTION**            **“Receive the Holy Spirit Forgive or Not?”**

**HYMN**                    **"These Things Did Thomas Count"**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*Please use words that are most familiar to you*)

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**DOXOLOGY:** (*as collection plates come forward*)

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

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**Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**†HYMN**

**“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”**

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**PARTING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE**

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***So I Send You: Service Prayers for Easter 2A*** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

