

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 12, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

SPECIAL MUSIC *Easter Anthem* JCC Choir (2022)

CALL to WORSHIP *Adapted from Ministry Matters*

One: Though division and darkness seem to envelop us.

People: *Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.*

One: Fears are banished!

People: *Hope is more than restored*

One: Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

All: *We rejoice in the peace and blessings Love brings.*

*SONG 204 *Come You Faithful*
Raise the Strain ^(v.1-2) Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER — 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

*SONG 214 *Thine Is the Glory* ^(v.1-3) Sharon Novak

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE *Luke 24 & John 20* ^(excerpts)

REFLECTION *PANIC & PEACE* Rev. Gail Doktor

*SONG 212 *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* ^(v.1-3) Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

*SONG 44 *Doxology* Sharon Novak

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

PRAYERS

For PEOPLE: *Focus this week:* Alexis, Allison, Annie, Ariana, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, Cindi G., Deb L., Doug, Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Steve, Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

SCRIPTURE

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LUKE 24:36-43: Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, *“Peace be with you.”*

They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, *“Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”*

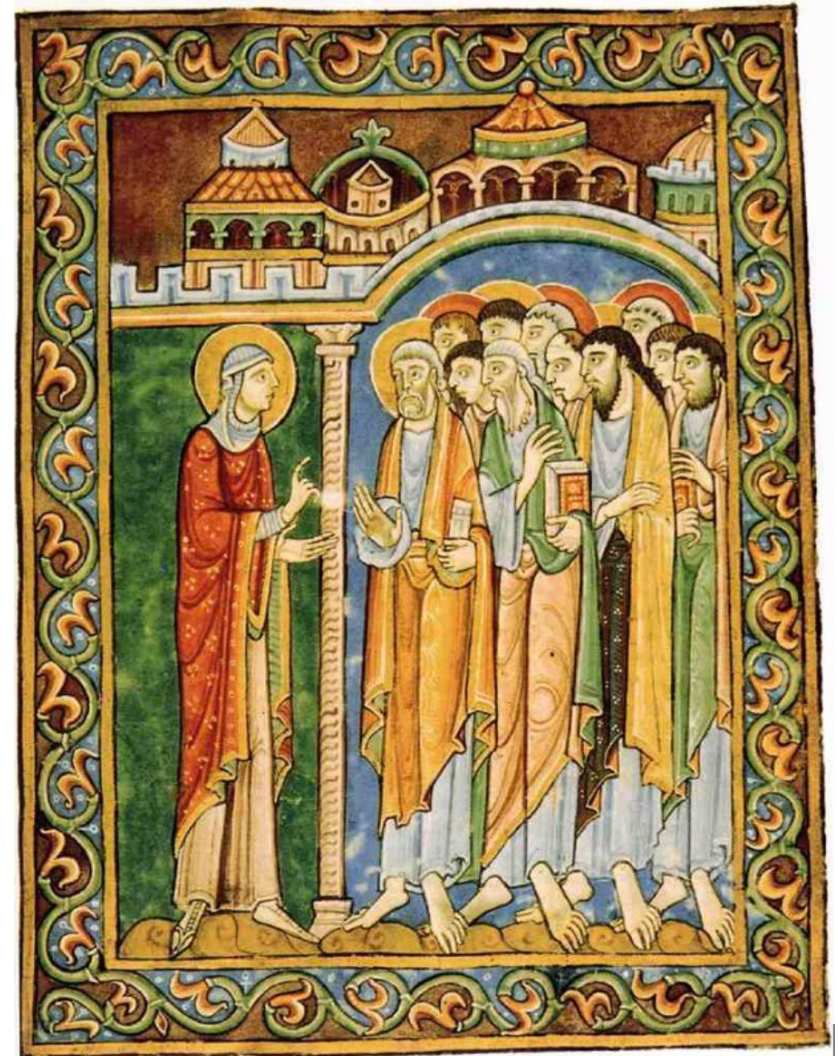
And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, *“Have you anything here to eat?”*

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

JOHN 20:19-23: Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the [authorities], Jesus came and stood among them and said, *“Peace be with you.”*

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*



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