

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 19, 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 —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL to WORSHIP

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

One: We gather as people on a journey.

People: *We believe and we have doubts,
we do good and we sin.*

One: We are imperfect humans,
yet still beloved by God.

People: *Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are at the core of the one we call God.*

One: We seek forgiveness and grace

People: *Both from the One and from those we've harmed.
Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.*

One: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective,
and a clear path.

People: *Though we are full of trust
and full of doubt, we are here.*

All: *Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!
Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds.
Guide our actions. Amen.*

*SONG 220

*Breathe on Me,
Breath of God*

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 281

Spirit of the Living God

Sharon Novak

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-30 (excerpts)

REFLECTION

INQUIRY

& EVIDENCE

Rev. Gail Doktor

*SONG 303

Softly and Tenderly

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: Alex A., 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

JOHN 20: 19-30 — Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, *"We have seen the Lord."*

But he said to them, *"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."*

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *"Peace be with you."* ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, *"Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."*

²⁸ Thomas answered him, *"My Lord and my God!"*

²⁹ Jesus said to him, *"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

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