

April 27, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Holy, Holy, Holy" John B. Dykes/Melody Bober

Introit Chancel Choir
"Let the Words of My Mouth" John Yarrington

**Call to Worship

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us and with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Live!

**Opening Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (see insert)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Creator God, you call us to take on the holiness you have planted within us. In our worship this day, open our eyes and hearts to your movement that longs to make a home in us. So be it. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Take Time to be Holy" (v.1,2,4) UMH #395

Prayers of the Faithful & the 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

"He Is Lord" Carol Stewart
Traditional/Keith Christopher

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, we pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creation until the whole world is redeemed by your love. Amen

**Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" Chancel Choir
Mark Andrews

Sermon "Embodied Believing" Suzanne Bandy

**Closing Hymn "We Know That Christ Is Raised" UMH #610

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

"Let Your Light So Shine" Chancel Choir
John Yarrington

Postlude

"Because He Lives" Carol Stewart
William and Gloria Gaither/Dick Torrans



The Altar flowers are given by the Chancel Choir & Handbell Choir in honor of Florence Harner, Nancy May and Janet Schellin in recognition of their many decades of weekly commitment, hard work, dedication and spiritual service.

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

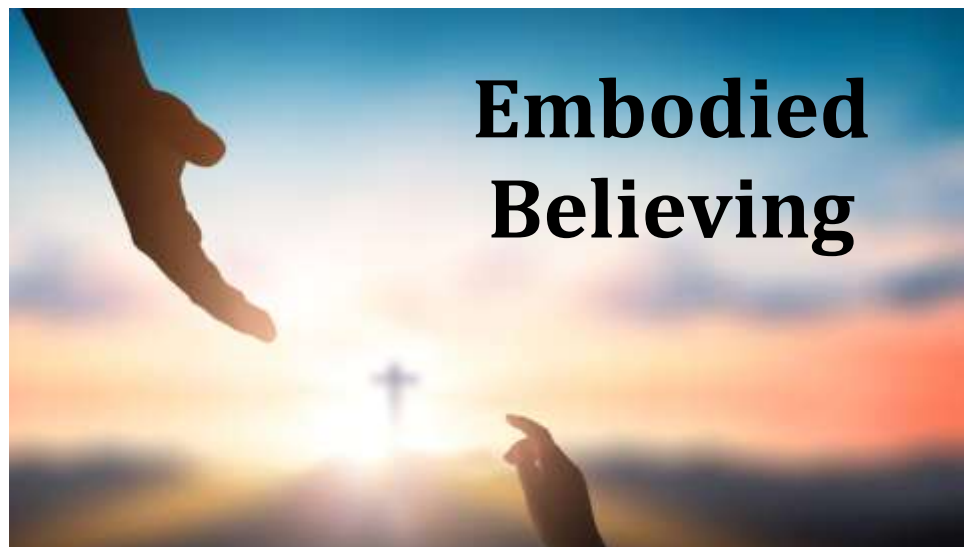
²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Embodied Believing



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

April 27, 2025 - Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Suzanne Bandy
Ushers	Chad Mossing, Will Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Kirk Henning, Jane Henning
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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	Cub Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15A-B
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Fine
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 2. Lord, I come to your awe-some pres-ence
 3. As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness,

in the midst of the dark-ness shin-ing;
 from the shad-ows in-to your ra-di-ance;
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