



“Whoever Believes”

April 14, 2024 • *3rd Sunday of Easter*

– Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 –

Faith United Methodist Church

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Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Worship

One: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

Many: “I have seen the Lord!”

One: We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

Many: “Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

One: We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

Many: “My Lord and my God.”

One: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:

Many: “I’m going fishing.”

One: We’re here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:

Many: “Do you truly love me?”

One: We gather here to whisper timidly.

Many: “Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.”

One: We are here as a congregation only because
many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus’ words:

Many: “Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!
Go and tell, ‘Jesus has been raised!’”

Opening Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH 57

Opening Prayer

Many: Enlighten our hearts, God of glory,
because sometimes we just don’t get it,
or maybe we just aren’t paying attention.
If the bulb is burned out, change it.
If the dimmer is on low, spin it up high.
Do what you must to help us understand,
because everything is different now.
Christ died, but you brought him back to life.
Now he is in charge of everything, including us.
And the power you used for this miracle,
you place in the hands of those who believe
to rescue us from death and let Christ rule our hearts.
This really does change everything.
Our hope is restored; our inheritance is secured.
Bring up the lights, Lord, so we can thank you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Baby Bells

Creating Connections

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Dan Miller

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:9-20

Hymn of Preparation

“Jesus, You Are the New Day”

W&S 3143

Sermon

“Whoever Believes”

Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Special Music

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Many: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Many: Generous God, you are our portion and our cup.
In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest.
Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges
that they may bring the joy of your presence
more deeply into the world. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Walk with Me”

"FWS 2242

Benediction

Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —

Liturgy citations:

Call to Worship:

from the **Mennonite Church Canada** website. http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/FileDownload/15173/Easter_Call_to_Worship.pdf.
Found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/03/call-to-worship-easter-year-c.html>.

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