

SERMON Meeting Jesus in the Middle

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 218 Thine Is the Glory

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.*

Refrain *Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. **Refrain***

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain***

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jane

POSTLUDE

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER LIST : Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J.,
Connie Munukka, Carlene Kasuba, Jessica Smith, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik
Van Scoy, Vance, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement, Curtis, Maggie
Ashton.

Pastor Jane

Donate
Here



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN

~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ APRIL 12, 2026 ~

~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“Let's remember that Jesus didn't leave Thomas to suffer without the blessing of faith and confidence; he gave him the evidence he required. That is typical of Jesus's approach to doubt; he responded to honest doubters in the way he knew best, the way that would help them to move from doubt to knowledge.”*

- Dallas Willard



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL John & Lisa Fenwick

One: What is our church's mission?

Many: **To embody God's powerful love...**

- **welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,**
- **weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,**
- **working, praising and playing in our towns and world.**

OPENING HYMN (CH) # 518 This is a Day of New Beginnings

*This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.
Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.
In faith we gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

People: **Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

People: **Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's saving work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

All: **We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

INVOCATION

Lisa Fenwick.

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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.*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31

Mary Ann Charron

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 538 Hope of the World

*Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
still let your Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.
Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light:
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from you to endless night.
Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt:
we render back the love your mercy gave us;
take now our lives and use them as you will.
Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign did conquer grief and pain:
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious;
you are our Lord, and you forever reign!*