April 14th, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Here, O Lord, We See You Setting by Lloyd Larson

Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Word of life spoke:

People: so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

Leader: The Word of life reached out:

People: so we could touch the hope which heals us.

Leader: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

People: so we could follow him into life forever.

*Hymn #236 The Strife is O'er

Call to Confession

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace.

Please join me as we pray, saying:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of empty tombs and empty people:

when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice.

When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion.

When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.

When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.

When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope.

Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 27:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church and 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 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.

*Passing the Peace

***Hymn** When Thomas Heard from Jesus (music in bulletin)

Second Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-29

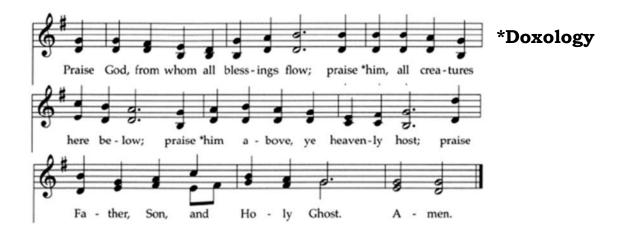
This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Thomas the Faithful?

Offering

Offertory Because He Lives

William J. Gaither Sung by Chancel Choir



*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #248 Christ is Risen, Alleluluia

Benediction

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Setting by John Carter

The flowers today are in loving memory of Linda Talerico's parents, Bob and Marge Schenck

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening

Director of Music Ministries: Marcello Velame

Liturgist: Bob Suarez

Music Ministry: Chancel Choir

Ushers: Cari Suarez

Diane Suarez

Zoom Hosts: John Palframan

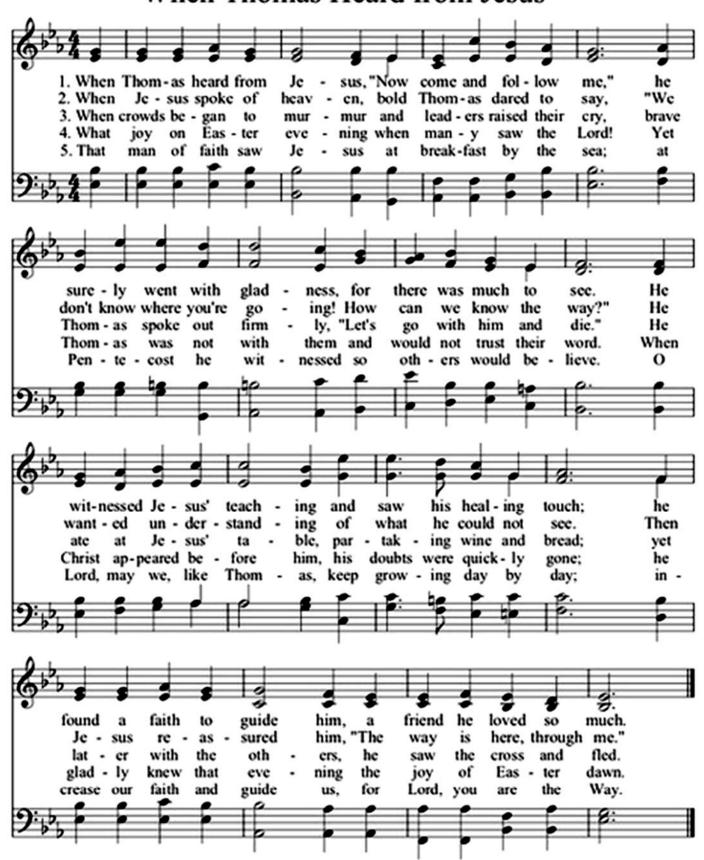
Diane Suarez

Social Hour: Deacon Team A



The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

When Thomas Heard from Jesus



WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gilleette, 2012. Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16;

John 11:11-16; 14:1-7; 20:19-29; 21:1-7; Acts 1:12-14

MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

JESUS CHINISH RESURRECTION 238 Thine Is the Glory 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quering Son; end - less is 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors the fold - ed grave - clothes kept rolled the stone a way, liv - eth; the Lord now hymns of tri - umph sing, for safe through Jor - dan through thy death-less love; bring us Refrain where thy bod - y lay. its sting. Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-quering death hath lost thy home a - bove. end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. Son;

15 APR, MON	4:30 - 5:30pm7 - 9pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH) Boy Scouts (FH)
16 APR, TUE	 9 - 10:30am 9:30 - 10:30am 11am - 12pm 5 - 7pm 	Zoom Bible Study Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH) Overeaters Anonymous (TR) Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
17 APR, WED	All day7:30 – 9pm8 – 9pm	Blood Drive (FH) Session Meeting (O) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
18 APR, THU	 4:45 - 5:45pm 6 - 7pm 7 - 9pm 	Yoga Small Group - (FH) Bells (SR) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
20 APR, SAT	• 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
21 APR, SUN	 8:45 - 9:30am 10 - 11am 10 - 11am 11am - 12pm 3:30 - 4:30pm 5 - 6pm 6 - 9pm 	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Sunday School Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (FH) AA (TR) AA (TR) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)