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Doubting Thomas

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING CHIMES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the face of doubt, Jesus is risen.

People: In the face of fear, Jesus is risen.

Leader: In the face of anxiety, Jesus is risen.

People: In the face of grief, Jesus is risen.

**All: In the face of anything that afflicts us,
Jesus is risen indeed.**

*HYMN No. 255 *“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”*

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we allow doubt to interpret our lives,

People: we sin and need God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Therefore, we now offer up the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we are a doubting people. We have to see for ourselves, and even then we question. Have mercy upon us in Jesus Christ, the risen one, so that we may have the faith to trust in you and others. Because things do not always go our way, we allow doubts to control us, dictate to us, and direct us. Forgive us indeed in the name of the one who offers us life forever more, Jesus Christ, Amen.

PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Because you are risen, Lord Jesus, we can trust in you, live in you, and offer you our financial resources for your continued work in the church. Receive these offerings to ensure your work continues indeed, Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 250**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1Peter 1:3-9

FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 11:5-16

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 20:19-29

SERMON

"DOUBTING" THOMAS

Rev. John Helgeson

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. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

***HYMN No. 248** *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING HYMN No. 243** *“Be Not Afraid”*

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

***POSTLUDE**

1 Peter 1:3-9

(Responsive reading)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you,

who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 11:5-16

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

John 20:19-29

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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 it." 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! "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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first hymn #255 is actually a continuation of hymn #235. Rather than sing 11 verses (and the original, not in the hymnal, is much longer yet), the hymnal committee separated the two parts, because the second part that we are singing deals with Thomas. This part was thus designed by the committee to be used on the second Sunday of Easter. Our third hymn #248 may be new words to you, but the tune is the very familiar Beethoven tune we use for "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

If you choose, you may face the cross during the singing of the Gloria Patri in recognition of what Jesus has done for us on the cross.

The Thursday Morning Bible study group meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. They will be using the book He Set His Face to Jerusalem. Copies are available.

The Young Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge down by the gym. They are studying The Story.

The Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the parlor. Led by Rev. Helgeson, they are studying 1 Corinthians.

The Sadie Willaredt Scholarship is presented every year to one or more students enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the first time or who are continuing their studies. Applications are available in the church office. Applications will be received through May 1st.

Join us for Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall before or after the Worship Service.

Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall. **April-Hamburger Helper**

Please note in the Apostles' Creed when we say catholic church, we mean as the first definition in the dictionary says" universal, whole variety of things" (thus catholic taste equals a wide variety or universal taste).

Mission Committee – During May, we will be collecting items which have been requested by PADS which include paper products such as napkins, cups, plates, towels, Kleenex and toilet paper. Also requested was plastic eating utensils, styrofoam cups and laundry soap.

On Tuesday, April 22 at 5 p.m., exam kits for our college students will be packed. Please join us in this project!

It is once again time for you to join the Circle of Friends which is sponsored by the Heartland **Christian Village Auxiliary**. By your donation you will help the residents of Heartland Christian Village by providing some much needed amenities that they would not otherwise receive. In the past year the funds have been used to purchase new tablecloths, a cart to be used when moving a resident into the home, a speaker for the chaplain to use, flowers and birdseed for the grounds outside of the residents windows, Christmas parties for the residents, nursing supplies, magazines, and many other things. Several of our members have been in the Heartland home at one time or another and I'm sure they would tell you how much the residents appreciate these many gifts. If you are interested in giving a donation to help the auxiliary continue to bless the lives of these residents please see Alice Jeisy or Carol Ann Parker.

Esther Circle Annual Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, June 28th in the Fellowship Hall. The set-up date for the sale will be Friday, June 27th. The money from the sale goes to mission projects and needs in the church. If you have any books you would like to donate for the sale please bring them to the church between now and June 27th.

Pricilla Circle will meet at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 13th at the church. This is our work in the garden meeting. Please come prepared to work in the garden. Everyone is asked to bring some food for our potluck meal after our garden work is done. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions call Alice Jeisy at 644-2625 or Elsie Carter at 217-235-6589

Kids Club is sponsoring a coloring contest with all proceeds going to Kemmerer Village Summer Enrichment Program. Pictures are on display in Fellowship Hall. Please vote for the picture(s) you like best: 1 cent = 1 vote; 1 nickel = 5 votes; 1 dime = 10 votes; 1 quarter = 25 votes; 1 dollar = 100 votes. Please help the kids do something wonderful for Kemmerer Village.

Holy Hands Puppet Ministry will perform at Kids Club's last meeting before summer activities begin. Family and friends are invited to join us for a KFC dinner with an ice cream sundae buffet for dessert. Please sign up in the Narthex so that there will be enough food. All are welcome!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Young Adults' Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:30 a.m. MS/HS Sunday School
5:30 p.m. Vespers

Monday, April 28

6:00 p.m. Christian Ed.
7:00 p.m. Deacons

Tuesday, April 29

1:00 p.m. Dulcimers
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers

Wednesday, April 30

5:30 p.m. Kids Club

Thursday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle

Sunday, May 4

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Young Adults' Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:30 a.m. MS/HS Sunday School
2:00 p.m. SMS

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