

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ candle

#### Call to Worship

L: Christ is with us.

**P: Christ is with us, indeed.**

L: We have not seen the body of the risen Christ,

**P: But we have seen him in the lives of those transformed by his grace.**

L: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**P: But we have seen him in the faces of those whose love encourages us.**

L: We have not touched his wounds,

**P: But we have been called to bring healing to the wounded of the world.**

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### Opening Hymn #452 – Jesus stand among us

### Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

#### Words of Assurance

L: As the apostle Paul said in his letter to the Romans;  
“I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

**P: Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Music Ministry

### Family Focus/Children's Time

## Hymn #250 – Lord of the Dance

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Responsive Psalm 150 (NRSV)

L: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**P: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

L: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**P: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**P: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

#### Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the

mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Message:** Believe It Or Not

**Hymn** – When Thomas heard from Jesus (Tune #479 – 5 vs)

**Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn #248** – At the dawning of salvation

**Benediction**

**Benediction song:** Go Now In Peace

**Welcome To Lucknow  
Presbyterian Church  
April 7, 2024**

**Worship Leader  
Rev. Kathy Fraser**



**Announcements**

- Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service.
- Family Faith continues at 9:30am Sunday morning
- Pinecrest service cancelled today due to outbreak.
- Thurs., April 11 and Tues., April 16 at 1 pm: Bible study on Living Well Together in Diversity continues at South Kinloss.

**Wed April 10:**

- Presbyterial at Knox Kincardine
- Soup & Bun lunch 11:30am-1pm – donations to Messy Church activities
- Session Meeting at 7:15pm
- Thurs, April 11: WMS meeting at 2:00pm
- Invitation to a Special Event: General Assembly Moderator, Mary Fontain, May 1, 2024, St. Andrew's Owen Sound. A turkey dinner (suggested cost \$20) will be served at 5:30 P.M. followed by a worship service at 7:00 P.M. Please RSVP [gladyspennacchietti@gmail.com](mailto:gladyspennacchietti@gmail.com) by April 23, 2024 if you plan on attending the dinner.

**Upcoming Services:**

- April 14, 21, 28: service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser
- May 5: LPC anniversary service (time TBD)

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AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me,"  
He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see.  
He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch;  
He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say,  
"We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?"  
He wanted understanding of what he could not see.  
Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry,  
Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die."  
He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread;  
Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!  
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.  
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;  
He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea;  
At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe.  
O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day;  
Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

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