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2nd Sunday of Easter

Today's Theme

Thomas doubted until he saw, but seeing is not always believing and some things are not easy to “see”. Today we consider belief and faith through epistemology, or the study of what we can know.

* Indicates stand as you are able.

The congregation shall read the **bold-faced print**.

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

**Introit:* VU 166 Joy Comes with the Dawn, chorus

**Call to Worship:*

One: We come today as we are.

All: God welcomes all into the realm of love and acceptance.

One: We come with questions, doubts, and fears.

All: Jesus, resurrected, meets us where we are and offers us peace and the assurance of his continued presence in our lives.

One: Let us worship God, together sharing in the spirit of love and peace, gifted to us through Jesus, the resurrected Christ.

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**Hymn:* VU 389 God is Here

Opening Prayer:

God of Easter glory, the one who uplifts us for the days and weeks ahead, be a soothing presence in our lives. Give us the energy we need to be a people of service; provide us with the grace we need to be a people who show care and concern for others. Offer us the strength we need to support those who need our encouragement and love. Let us not forget that life is made full and vibrant when we recognize the need for a presence beyond ourselves, and you, O God, provide that presence whenever we open ourselves to you. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Time with the Young at Heart

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19–31

Reader: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Believing is Seeing

**Hymn:* MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

**Offertory* VU 218 We Praise You, O God, verse 1

Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: MV 194 Bread of Life

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: The limits of death are gone.

All: Joy fills our hearts.

One: The disciples are renewed.

All: We will follow the way of Jesus faithfully.

One: The powerful are defeated.

All: All who feel downtrodden are offered hope.

One: The faith community is inspired.

All: Together we will change our small corner of the world for good.

One: As God's Easter people, we will be renewed.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Blessing: VU 173 Thine Is the Glory, chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us today.

April 19, 2026 – 11:00a.m. – Doaktown.

April 14, 2026 – Council – Rural Community of Upper Miramichi Office – 4:00p.m.

April 26, 2026 – Variety Show – St. Thomas United Church Hall – 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. Free will offering at the door.