

Balzac United Church
April 12, 2026, 10:00am
Guest Minister: Rev. Robert Mutlow
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan, Dr. Alex Shawn

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting The Christ Candle

Call to Worship: Easter 2 – Thomas Meets Jesus

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen! (X3)

Christ is risen indeed!

In the Great 50 Days of Easter, the Risen Christ,

Steps through closed doors, speaking peace.

The Risen Christ, commissions us this day,

“ As the Father sent me, so send I you.”

The Risen Christ, blows over us

Renewing us with the wind of the Spirit.

The Risen Christ, in our doubts and struggles,

Encourages us to come alongside Thomas.

The Risen Christ, in this Season of Easter,

Reminds us to gather in the breaking of bread,

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ,

Taking our place with the faithful witnesses.

Opening Song *The Day of Resurrection* VU 164

Opening Prayer

Candles of Joy, Concern, & Sorrow

(Congregational members are invited to come forward and offer prayer requests and light candles.)

God of peace,

We pray for all hiding behind closed doors this day -

Those burdened by fear, grief or uncertainty.

Seeking comfort where there is suffering,

Hope where faith is tested,

And peace where hearts are troubled.

Strengthen this church to be a faithful witness,

Sent into the world as Christ was sent,

Bearing signs of resurrection life,

Breathe your Spirit in us once more. Amen.

Song *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* VU 395

Scripture Lessons

1 Peter 1.3-9 - New Birth – Living Hope

Song: *Behold, Behold* MV 115 (2X) (Seated)

Behold, behold, I make all thing new,

Beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold I make all things new,

My promise is true, for I am Christ the way. (X2)

John 20.19-31 - Thomas Confession of Faith

Message *“The Gospel That is Ours”*

Hymn *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* VU684

Offertory *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. M. Hayes

Prayer after Communion:

Loving God, we rejoice in your Easter witnesses:

Women at the empty tomb,

Companions on Emmaus Road,

Disciples hiding behind closed doors,

Thomas waiting to see Jesus' scars,

Followers who have not seen Jesus

Yet met Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Thine is the Glory

VU 173

Benediction

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. M. Hayes

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