


# Thomas

April 28, 2024

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Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. 

## GATHERING

*The Strife Is O'er*

Pam Eiten, Song Leader  
VT #350

Welcome

Deborah Wetherill

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**People: but we see him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

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

**People: but we have seen him in the faces  
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

Leader: We have not touched the wounds  
from the cross,

**People: but we have been called to bring healing  
to the scarred of the world.**

—Thom M. Shuman (based on John 20: 24-29).  
Posted on the *Lectionary Liturgies* blog.

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!*

VT #341

*Oh, How Great Is Christ the Lord*

VT #351

Offering Prayer

## CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

Choir  
VT #347

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Nathan Perrin

Scripture Reading

Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

John 20: 19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Richard Gehring

“The Radical Faith of Thomas”

Listening for the Spirit

Music for Reflection

Choir

*Order My Steps* (Burleigh-Schrader)

Joe Hayward, drums; Dave Kuhlmann Taylor, guitar

*We Walk By Faith*

VT #588

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Blessing for Wheaton College Graduates

Nathan Perrin

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Work of the Church

## SENDING

*Go In Grace and Make Disciples*

VT #766, v. 1-2

Words of Blessing

## This Week's Activities

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<b>Today</b>	Nursery: Eric Nelessen, Ruth Quiroa	10:00 AM
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	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM
	• Church History—Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanctuary)	
	Potluck	12:15 PM
	Discernment Discussion	1:00 PM
	<u>Serving Today:</u>	
	• A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder	
	• Greeters: Steelbergs • Coffee Host: Valerie Kropf	
	• Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Valerie Kropf	
<b>Tue</b>	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Parking Lot Design Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Menno Men	9:30 AM
<b>Sat</b>	Church Workday	8:30 AM-noon

## Announcements

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- Next Sunday, we will celebrate **Communion Sunday**. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Matthew 5: 23-24).
- Come and join your fellow LMCers for the **spring workday** this coming Saturday (May 4). We'll work from 8:30 AM to noon, then break for a delicious lunch. The to-do list includes tasks for all ages both indoors and outdoors. Hope to see you there!
- On Sunday, May 12, we'll hold a **brief congregational meeting** immediately following the worship service to approve the 2024-2026 leadership slate. The agenda was in Friday's e-news.
- Please **mark your calendars for May 11** and plan to join the Palestinian community, fellow LMCers, and Mennonite Action at a Nakba protest/commemoration from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Richard J. Daley Center (50 W Washington St, Chicago).