



# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, April 19, 2020  
Second Sunday in Easter  
10:00 a.m.



*Doubting Thomas Mosaic, Cathedral of Monreale, Italy*

Cheltenham United Methodist Church  
11111 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623  
Rev. Mark Schaefer, Pastor

**Worship with us Online via Zoom**

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Easter II

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Schaefer

+GREETING

*Psalm 118, adapted; Easter proclamation*

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

+HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er"

UMH 306

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

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ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

UMH 322

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON		Acts 2:14a, 22–32
+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	“Celtic Alleluia”	TFWS 2043
+GOSPEL LESSON		John 20:19–31
SPECIAL MUSIC		
SERMON	“Questions of Faith: Am I Lost If I Have Doubt?”	Rev. Mark Schaefer

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY +DOXOLOGY		UMH 94
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

+HYMN	“We Walk By Faith”	TFWS 2196
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## GOING FORTH

### +BENEDICTION

### +RECESSIONAL

The + indicates the congregation standing, if able.

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Acts 2:14, 22–32** • But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

**John 20:19–31** • 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.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.