



**John Knox Presbyterian Church
Keizer, Oregon**

**April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion

*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts
and minds for worship.*

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Arr. Colleen Adent

Words of Welcome

*** Call to Worship**

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*** Hymn**

“Alleluia! Christ is Arisen”

#253

Anna will sing the refrain and first verse; please join her on the refrain and the rest of the song.

Please note that the hymnal shows the refrain sung only once, but we sing it twice. The projected words will guide you.

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours.

Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ.

Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

The scriptures teach: “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” We confess that Jesus is Lord and we

*believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead. Trust in this promise:
In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*** Sung Response**

“Alleluia”

#588

Anna will lead with a line; the people will repeat/echo.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9

NRSVue

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19-31

NRSVue

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“Come Share the Lord”

#510

GATHERING AT CHRIST’S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Communion Prayer

The Communion of the People

*You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.
When you are served, please hold the elements
until you are invited to partake with everyone in community.
Empty cups may be left in the pews,
placed in the basket on the narthex table,
or returned to the social hall.*

Special Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Charles C. Converse; Irish ballad; William Batchelder Bradbury

Prayer after Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“I Love to Tell the Story”

William G. Fischer

*** Sung Response**

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

#240 vss. 2 & 4

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Response: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song**

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

#2114

Note: In verse 3, “altar” is changed to “table”

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Liturgist: Janet Anderson

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Bulletin image: Jesus Appears to Thomas (1990) by Jacek Andrzej Rossakiewicz, (1956-2016), a Polish Postwar and Contemporary artist.

Church and Community Life

OUR NEW PIANIST BEGINS TODAY! Melissa Terrall is an award-winning classical pianist currently based in the Willamette Valley/Salem. A 2023 Fulbright grant recipient, she spent a year researching Mexican piano repertoire in Mexico City. Melissa holds degrees from the University of Kansas and Portland State University. She has worked as interim piano professor at Linfield University and Clark College while also maintaining a private piano studio. She has played piano for many different faith traditions, most recently at two Lutheran churches in Salem. Please take a moment to welcome Melissa today.

HEARING CHALLENGED? The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

CHRIST JAR OFFERING will be received next week. Once a month, on the third Sunday, we gather coins (and we'll take paper money and checks, too!) to support Congregations Helping People, an organization that contributes toward meeting emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. If you want to know more about what they do or what you can do to help, please talk with Sheila.

APPOINTMENTS WITH MAGGIE are available any time via Zoom, phone, or in person. She is generally in Keizer on Thursdays (but not always!). Just let her know you'd like to visit and you can make plans that work for both of you.

Looking Ahead

April 13 7:00 Administration Committee - Zoom

April 15 7:00 Session meeting on Zoom

April 18 10:30 Worship – Third Sunday of Easter
Christ Jar Offering; Birthday celebration

April 25 10:30 Worship – Fourth Sunday of Easter

April Birthdays

1	Mike L.	17	Caleb R.
6	Carrie H.	18	Mark McK.
6	Pat McK.	21	Eileen S.
9	Melissa T.	26	Ezra R.
11	Judi L.	30	Andrea B.

Looking Far Ahead – Salem Community Chorus Concerts
Decades of Broadway

Monday, May 11 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 16 – 3:30 pm @ Oak Park Church of God

Monday, May 18 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

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This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.