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

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Jesus has appeared to his disciples.

All: And we have seen his glory, beloved as a parent's only child, full of grace and truth.

Leader: From Christ's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

All: No one has ever seen God, but Christ has made God known.

Leader: In his dying, Christ embodied God's love for us.

All: And in his rising, God enacts God's delight for us.

Leader: We thank you, God!

All: We praise you! We worship you! We love you! Alleluia!

HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH #304

OPENING PRAYER

God of Life, in the beginning you breathed your spirit into the human form and we came to life.

On the day Jesus rose he breathed his spirit into the disciples and sent them forth in love.

Now with every breath we take you breathe into us you love.

We breathe deeply of your Spirit that we may come to life anew in you.

Breathe on us, Breath of God.

THE BASKET

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that impedes us,

**The ignorance that hinders us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely places,
Move to those places where love is needed,
And have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

SCRIPTURE 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.

MESSAGE *Seeking Life*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

There is nothing that can destroy or contain your life, O God, life is always slipping through the cracks of the world and of our lives, always sending out its shoots and scattering its seeds, giving birth to new promises and possibilities.

We need eyes and ears, hearts and minds that are attuned to the signs and songs of life that respond automatically to life's rhythms and reasons.

Teach us, O God, to respond to the life that flows in tears of joy and that stumbles through tears of grief.

Teach, O God, to respond to the life that resists even the harshest violence and the most cataclysmic disaster, and that slowly rises from ashes of destruction and war.

Teach us, O God, to respond to the life that dances in the untamed places of the planet, and that walks gently in cities and technology.

Teach us, O God, to respond to the life that sings in the cry of the infant, and that whispers in the sigh of the dying.

Life – your life – is always slipping through the cracks of the world and of our lives, O God, We need only to recognize it and respond, and in this moment, insofar as we are able, we do.

Amen.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2

And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the gifts we offer be used to open doors closed to strangers, hands shut tight against generous giving, and hearts frozen by fears of the unknown. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

UMH #308

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.
We offer many ways to give:**

In the sanctuary or by mail.

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The Food pantry (WIN) is in need of the following items:

Peanut butter (small jars are best)

Jelly

Coffee

Black beans and pinto beans

Spaghetti Sauce

Canned chili

Canned stew

We are grateful for any canned goods and cereals that you donate, but we are just short on the items above.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Mission Team

2026 Skylands District Conference

Saturday, April 25 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Denville Community Church 190 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834

The District Conference is a meeting held to conduct the necessary work of the district. The Annual Conference determines the membership of a District Conference, which generally consists of the clergy of the district and one or more delegates from each pastoral charge. The District Conference is presided over by the District Superintendent.

The work of our District Conference includes reporting on the past year's ministry, electing district officers, and affirming new Lay Servants, candidates for ministry, ordinands, and retirees.

*This year Susan Whitty will be recognized as a Lay Servant
and Jennifer Schiffrin as a Certified Lay Servant*

We are excited for this opportunity to gather with each of you for a time of fellowship, reconnection, and to carry out the important work of our district. Registration is required. Please see Pastor Ninabeth for registration.

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The United States Postal Service is hosting a job fair on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Paramus Post Office, located at 33 E. Midland Ave, Paramus, NJ. While the Paramus Post Office is the host location, this event is focused on hiring for multiple post offices across Bergen County. We have several openings available, with a primary focus on:

City Carrier Assistant (CCA) positions, starting at \$21.21 per hour with benefits

Postal Support Employee (PSE) Clerk positions, starting at \$21.44 per hour with benefits

Human Resources representatives will be on site to answer any questions about the positions, benefits, and the application process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS April 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 13th – 17th

Monday April 13th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday April 14th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday April 15th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday April 16th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Sunday April 19th

Worship @10am

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

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