

# All Questions Considered: Easter Edition April 12, 2026



## **Vision Statement:**

We Are a Nurturing, Beloved Community.  
We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith.  
We Are Living Christ-Inspired Action.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 12, 2026

10:00 am

*Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.  
~ Frederick Buechner*

*Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith...  
Sometimes I think it is my mission to bring faith to the faithless, and doubt to the faithful.  
~ Paul Tillich*

**PRELUDE**

Judy Widrig

**RINGING THE BELL**

**WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME SONG**

*"Love & Justice"*

Love and jus - tice, peace and pow'r show us how to live each hour, raise us  
neigh - bors; tell your friends, here's a place hope nev - er ends. Love and

6 up and set us free, show us how to live and be... Tell your  
jus - tice, peace and pow'r! God is with us in this hour! God is

11 with us in this hour! God is with us in this hour!\_\_\_\_\_

2008 June Christine Goudey and John Glenn Paton

*\*Rise in body or spirit*

**WELCOME**

Sharon Benton

*We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows and a coloring, book, and play area in the corner near the windows.*

*Younger kids may enjoy the Narthex play area. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us as they participate fully.*

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

*After Time with Children, children may go with Maya to church school in the social hall or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.*

**\*HYMN****"When Thomas Heard from Jesus"**

AURELIA



1. When Thom-as heard from Je - sus, "Now come and fol - low me," he  
 2. When Je - sus spoke of heav - en, bold Thom-as dared to say, "We  
 4. What joy on Eas - ter eve - ning when man - y saw the Lord! Yet  
 5. That man of faith saw Je - sus at break-fast by the sea; at



sure - ly went with glad - ness, for there was much to see. He  
 don't know where you're go - ing! How can we know the way?" He  
 Thom - as was not with them and would not trust their word. When  
 Pen - te - cost he wit - nessed so oth - ers would be - lieve. O



wit-nessed Je - sus' teach - ing and saw his heal - ing touch; he  
 want - ed un - der - stand - ing of what he could not see. Then  
 Christ ap-peared be - fore him, his doubts were quick - ly gone; he  
 Lord, may we, like Thom - as, keep grow - ing day by day; in -



found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.  
 Je - sus re - as - sured him, "The way is here, through me."  
 glad - ly knew that eve - ning the joy of Eas - ter dawn.  
 crease our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012. Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16;

John 11:11-16; 14:1-7; 20:19-29; 21:1-7; Acts 1:12-14

MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

AURELIA

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## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Scout Mitchell

One Voice: Through each shadowed valley and each mountaintop, O God,

**All Voices: we bring our questioning hearts,  
we bring our searching souls.**

One Voice: Here in this place of sanctuary and out in the wide world,

**All Voices: we bring our questioning hearts,  
we bring our searching souls.**

One Voice: When we sense your embrace and when we fear exile,

**All Voices: we bring our questioning hearts,  
we bring our searching souls.**

One Voice: Give us something tangible, Holy One,

so we might know—even just for a moment—your living presence.

**All Voices: Bless our questioning hearts.  
Bless our searching souls.**

## SUNG PRAYER

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,"

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The second line of musical notation continues the piece in the same 4/4 time and key signature. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharon Benton

*Anyone may share a brief joy or concern*

**The Prayer of Jesus**

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:*

*“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”*

**Our Creator**

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,  
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,  
go to [www.fccb.net/contact-us/](http://www.fccb.net/contact-us/) to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

**WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.**

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

John 20:24-30

Scout Mitchell

*Common English Bible*

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

*“Alleluia”*

**LASST UNS EREFREUEN**



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**INSTANT SERMON**

“All Questions Considered: Easter Edition”

Sharon Benton

**HYMN 406** (black hymnal)

“Not with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense ”  
verses 1, 3, 4, 5

STITLER

**WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*Your generosity allows us to serve God in this place and beyond.*

*There are several ways to give: 1) Go to: [fcb.net/giving](http://fcb.net/giving). 2) Make a check out to FCCB.*

*3) Use the Breeze app, if you're connected. 4) Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297.*

*5) Scan the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin.*

*6) Place cash or check in the offering plate.*

*Thank you!*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Judy Widrig

**\*HYMN 256** (black hymnal) “We Live by Faith and Not by Sight”  
verses 1-3

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**\*BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

Sharon Benton

**POSTLUDE**

Judy Widrig

# ROOM FOR REFLECTION

**Open and Affirming (ONA):** As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**We Try To Use Language** which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

**Technical Support:** If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

### **APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF**

Our pastor is available by appointment virtually or in person. Contact her by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

Sharon [sharon@fccb.net](mailto:sharon@fccb.net)

Our Chaplain is also available at [chaplain@fccb.net](mailto:chaplain@fccb.net).

Or you can email our Office Manager Cydne at [office@fccb.net](mailto:office@fccb.net) and she'll pass your message on.

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