



Peace Be With You

— John 20:19-31 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EDISTO ISLAND

United Methodist Church



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

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PRELUDE "I Know My Redeemer Liveth"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #162

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" (v.2)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Behind locked doors and anxious hearts, the risen Christ comes.

He stands among us and speaks peace.

We bring our fears, our doubts, our longing for new life.

Christ breathes on us the Spirit of hope. Let us worship the One who steps through every barrier and calls us to life.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Risen Christ, you enter rooms still heavy with fear and speak peace.

You breathe new life into weary disciples.

You meet us in our questions, our doubts, and our longing to believe.

Come among us now.

Open the doors we have locked within ourselves.

Fill this sanctuary with your Spirit, that we may receive your peace and rise to follow you. Amen.

***HYMN #322** "Up from the Grave He Arose"

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

With confidence in God's redeeming love, let us now confess our sins.

God of new creation, we confess that we often live behind locked doors. Fear shapes our choices. Doubt clouds our vision. We resist the new life you breathe into us. Forgive us for the ways we hide, for the times we withhold grace, for the moments we trust our fears more than your promises. Step into our lives again, and speak your peace over us.

(Let us confess our sins in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ comes through every barrier we build. Christ stands among us and says, "Peace be with you." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, breathe upon us as Christ breathed upon his disciples.

Open our hearts to your Word. Disarm our fears, deepen our faith, and let us hear the voice of the One who still speaks peace. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

PSALTER #748

Psalm 16

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1: 3-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

***GOSPEL READING**

John 20: 19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Risen Christ.

SERMON "Peace Behind Closed Doors"

***HYMN #314** "In the Garden"

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #888

RESPONSE #898 "Threefold Amen"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, you meet us in our locked places and call us into life. Receive these gifts, and use them so others may hear your word of peace, feel your breath of new creation, and know the hope of the risen Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #310** "He Lives!"

***SENDING FORTH**

Go now as people who have heard Christ speak peace. Go as those who have felt his breath of new creation. Go as witnesses who dare to say, "We have seen the Lord." And may the risen Christ step through every locked door you face and fill you with life in his name.

Amen.

Today's flowers to day are given to the glory of God by Henry and Harriett Tindall in honor of Louisa T. Faile and in memory of Lee Samuel Tindall on their birthday.

Participating in Worship Today: Steve Strange and Johnelle Mische

LAST SUNDAY Attendance: 68 Offering: \$3,359.00

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Nancie's Clothes Closet
Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15: United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall 8:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 19: Special Sunday service presented by
Charleston Wesley Foundation Sanctuary 10:00am

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Good Tide-ings

Edisto Island United Methodist Church

8193 Palmetto Road

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Nancie's Clothes Closet

10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm -5:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Women in Faith/
Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting

Fellowship Hall

90 Social Time, 10:00 Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

United Methodist Men

Fellowship Hall

8:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Special Sunday Service

Charleston Wesley Foundation

10:00am

“When Peace Walks Through Locked Doors”

John 20: 19-31

Easter is not a single day on the calendar; it is a season, a way of life, and a slow awakening to the truth that Christ is still stepping into the rooms we lock. On Easter morning we stood with Mary in the garden as she ran to tell the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.” But by the evening of that same day, the disciples had done the opposite of running.

They had locked themselves away.

Fear has a way of closing doors. Fear of what might happen next. Fear of change. Fear of disappointment. Fear that resurrection might be true for others but not for us. The disciples' fear is not ancient history — it is a mirror.

And yet, John tells us, Jesus comes anyway. He does not wait for the disciples to get their courage together. He does not wait for them to open the door. He steps into their fear and speaks the first word of the new creation: “Peace be with you.”

That peace is not a sentimental feeling. It is the breath of Christ — the same breath that hovered over the waters in Genesis, the same breath that filled Mary with hope in the garden, the same breath that still moves through the church today. It is peace that creates, restores, and sends.

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(“When Peace Walks Through Locked Doors”, continued)

Thomas enters the story a week later, carrying his own mixture of longing and skepticism. He is not a villain; he is a disciple who wants to believe but needs help getting there. Jesus meets him with tenderness, not judgment. The risen Christ is not threatened by honest questions.

This story is good news for all of us who have ever felt locked in by fear, uncertainty, or doubt. It reminds us that resurrection is not something we achieve — it is something Christ brings to us. It reminds us that faith is not a performance — it is a relationship. And it reminds us that the church is not a gathering of people who have everything figured out, but a community that keeps showing up because Christ keeps showing up.

As we continue through the Easter season, may we listen for the risen Christ speaking peace into our own locked places. May we breathe deeply of the Spirit he gives. And may we, like Thomas, find ourselves able to say with renewed conviction, “My Lord and my God.” Christ is risen — and he is still walking through walls.

Happy Easter!
Rev. Len Ripley

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14th Jane Loy
15th Sandra Polk
16th Cal Fosseen
20th Terry Dobson

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Steve & Connie Strange
17th Amanda & Carl Fosseen
20th Margaret Green &
Lorraine Bonura

PRAYER REQUESTS

Susan Campbell Baumrind
Beth Warshaw
Bob Foster
Bill Loy
Robyn Tindall
Dylan Rearden
Lacey Reeves
Bob Spratlin
Jane Loy
Evan McMillan
Donna Padgett
Laura & Jim Emory
Ethelynn Boozer & Family
Nancy Culclasure
Lauren (Donna’s niece)
Dale Steele
Margaret Steele
Thomas Tindall
Buff Yelton
Dawn & Berry Wren

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