

*FUMC San Benito 2nd Core Belief:
A place of prayer and dependence on God for direction and guidance.*



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2nd Sunday after Easter

April 12, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*Congregation, please stand if able

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: The barrier to faith is that we love our sin.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

People: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

People: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

People: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

No 177

"He Is Lord, He Is Lord!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: 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,**

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rudy Hyde

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing.

Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for Month of April

1 John 3:18

Let us not love just with words or speech, but with actions and in truth.

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***GOSPEL LESSON**

Bill Elliott

John 20:19-31

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Unless I See"

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

No. 349

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors,

People: We go forth believing that we will find Resurrection in the meeting of our vulnerability.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™