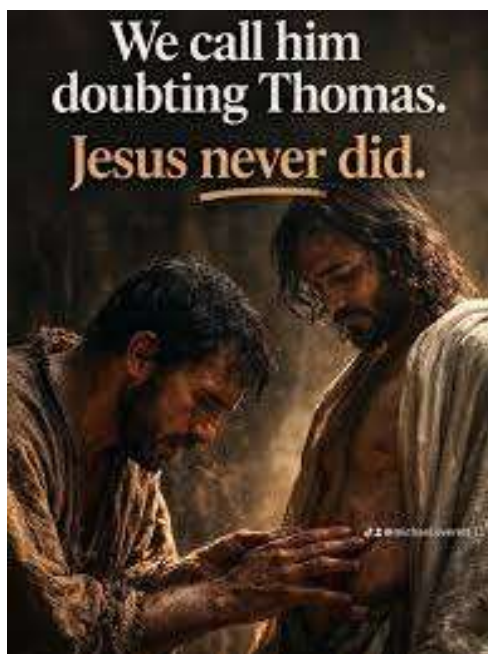


The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield

United Church of Christ



April 12, 2026; 10 a.m.

REFLECT

*For the gift of faith
which sees beyond the present moment
and looks to an eternity, we thank you.*

*For the gift of faith
small as a mustard seed, which has power
within its simplicity, we thank you.*

*For the gift of faith
bestowed on those who would simply come,
hearts open in humility, we thank you. Amen.*

—John Birch, from the *Faith and Worship* website—

An Affirmation of Easter Faith

Pastor: Let us affirm together our Easter faith and celebrate the extravagance of our God:

All: We believe in the debonair God who clothes the wild flowers, dressing them so superbly that they outdo Solomon in all his glory; who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small, who feeds goldfinches and darting hummingbirds, and even doleful ravens and grackles.

Pastor: We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

All: We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, turns water into the best wine, brings healing with his every touch, and who welcomes a woman's extravagant gesture of love as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

Pastor: We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ, who sweated blood in an Olive Grove, and kept the faith to the very end.

All: We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day did a thing so prodigious that even his friends were dismayed with joy.

Pastor: We believe in the God of Jesus Christ,

**All: the Source of abundance wherever we turn
and no matter what we do. Amen**

Call to Offering and Offertory Music

(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)

A Doxology

Tune: # 34 (Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Youth Message

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

"Easter Faith: Not About Certainty"

Rev. Doug Williamson

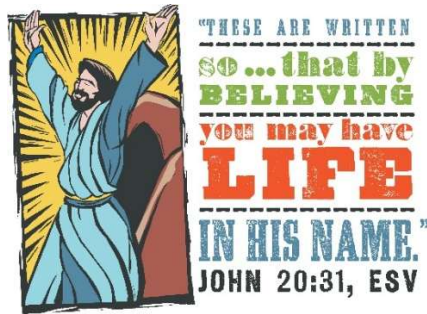
Hymn

"God of Many Names"

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✠ **Benediction** (after which, please be seated for the postlude)

Postlude



Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

Dismas Dinner

Dismas Farm dinner will be taken to the farm on **Tuesday, April 14**. Dinner is at 6 pm and we try to arrive by 5:30. If anyone would like to contribute to the meal, please let Deanna or Angela know via email, or Millie Gushue, by phone.

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