

Announcements:

The Leadership Team authorized a special project to provide funds to the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services (DASAS) organization located in Three Rivers. Chris Nofsinger will speak about her involvement with DASAS on Sunday. Others from Florence have worked with DASAS through the years. There is a goal of \$1000. We will accept designated giving each Sunday through May 5, with all funds going to DASAS.

Please pray for Allison as she undergoes surgery next week at Mayo Clinic and for Tom and Norah as they walk with her during this time. Pray for strength and grace for Verna.

24 & 31 March, 2024 12th & 13th Sunday	Attendance 44 / 48
General fund offering	\$ 1,841
Outreach: CPT	\$ 200
Total offering	\$ 2,041

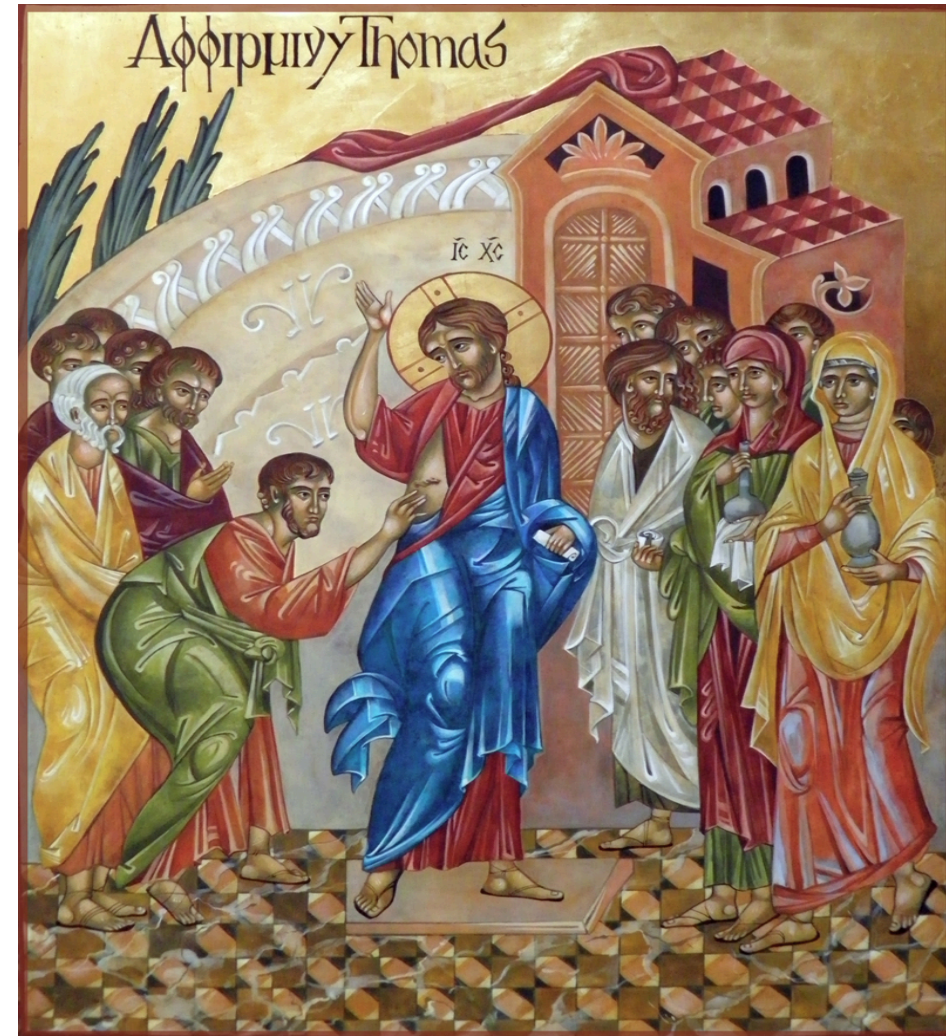
Art notes: Doubting Thomas

"Thomas proclaims, "My Lord and My God!" Christ appears eight days after his death and is able to enter the room where His followers have withdrawn in fear, along with a few women present. The "Doubting Thomas" had become the "Affirming Thomas" and my awareness had shifted between two poles, one of doubt and the other belief. Christ has always been present in my life, everywhere and sometimes just beneath a thin garment waiting for me to reach out and touch him. Sacred space, spiritual awe, divine understanding, mystical awareness, cannot be limited to any one place or only the men. If we believe with our whole heart, mind, and soul that God is everywhere, the question becomes where can there be no God?"

Leadership Team: Dan Petry, Congregational Chair; Tim Lind, Serving Steward; Nathan Nichols, Caretaking Steward; Devon Miller, Gathering Steward.

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Florence Church of the Brethren Mennonite Sunday, April 7, 2024



Doubting Thomas
Mary Jane Miller

**We are an Anabaptist Christian congregation affiliated
with Church of the Brethren and Mennonite Church USA**

Welcome Willard Fenton-Miller

Welcome Visitors, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns HWB 116 Wendy Eash

Call to Worship (Psalm 133) Willard Fenton-Miller

**All: How very good and pleasant it is
When kindred live together in unity!**

One: It is like the precious oil on the head,
Running down the beard,
On the beard of Aaron,
Running down over the collar of his robes.

**All: It is like the dew of Hermon,
Which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
Life forevermore.**

One: Come! Let us worship today
In the unity of the Spirit,
Giving thanks to our God, who has called us
From many paths and places to this one.

Hymn Holy Spirit, Come with Power HWB 26 Wendy Eash

Confession Willard Fenton-Miller

**God of Truth, we come before you today, bearing
All that we are: our wounds, our grief,
Our grievances, our fears, our doubts
And obsessions. What we may wish to hide from
Others, we cannot hide from you. We confess our
Frailty and fallibility. . . .**

Mighty God,
in whom we know the power of redemption,
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.

As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
we will share in his resurrection,
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

Singing Together Wendy Eash

Breathe on me Breath of God HWB 356
Renew Your Church HWB 363
Heart and Mind, Possessions, Lord HWB 392

Children's Time David Shenk

Children go to class

Offering Willard Fenton-Miller

Scripture
Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Meditation Doubt is not a 4 letter word David Shenk

Congregation's Response to Meditation Willard Fenton-Miller

Congregational Sharing Willard Fenton-Miller

Prayer David Shenk

Sending Song Wendy Eash

Benediction David Shenk