



“Thomas” by Corinne Vonaesch

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023

Light cannot see inside things.  
That is what the dark is for:  
Minding the interior,  
Nurturing the draw of growth  
Through places where death  
In its own way turns into life.  
And when we come to search for God,  
Let us first be robed in night,  
Put on the mind of morning  
To feel the rush of light  
Spread slowly inside  
The color and stillness  
Of a found world.

*Excerpt from "For Light" by John O'Donohue*

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Patrick Whitehead

Opening the Bible Sophy Gould

Prelude Matt Messick

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Call to Worship Rev. Buck Cochran

In the darkness new life began.

**In the light of day we come to worship.**

The stone was rolled away as new life was set free.

**Alleluia! Jesus is here!**

As a people of faith we believe, we question, we are curious, and we have doubts.

**With faith, we proclaim the hope of the Easter story.**

Now, let us worship God with the fullness of our faith!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

†Hymn 248

*"He Lives"* ACKLEY

†Passing of the Peace

Words of Friendship Rev. Courtney Willis

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn 495

*"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"* LANDAS

†Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

Gospel Lesson Rev. Seth Hix

John 20:19-31

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 224

*"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"* HENDON

Stewardship Prayer Adam Barnes *deacon*

Choral Offertory Sanctuary Choir

*"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"* Text based on Psalm 8, Music by Tom Fettke

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;*

*The moon and stars suspended in space.*

*Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?*

*You have given man a crown of glory and honor,*

*and made him a little lower than the angels.*

*You have put him in charge of all creation:*

*the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea.*

*O Lord our God the majesty and glory of your name*

*transcends the earth and fills the heavens.*

*O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,*

*and so would we. Alleluia!*

*The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick

