

August 23, 2020 WORSHIP
FIRST MENNONITE - HUTCHINSON
Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart

Doubting Thomas
When the Unimaginable Has Happened

Prelude Shelley Kauffman

Welcome & Announcements

*Send joys/concerns and reflections on
the service to Tonya's cell phone:
620-513-2828*

Call to Worship

So much in life is unpredictable.
LIFE BEGINS AND ENDS.
The weather changes.
LOVE SURPRISES US.
Doors close.
OTHERS OPEN.
Life is unpredictable,
But what we can count on is finding God
here with us;
**IN GOD'S EMBRACE ALL ARE
WELCOME.**
So bring your questions and concerns,
your doubts and wonderings,
For in the midst of this unpredictable life,
we can predict this:
**LOVE LIVES HERE.
LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

Prayer of Confession

*Gracious God,
You ask us to follow you, and we respond
with logistical questions—
How long? Where to?
Will we return?
You ask us to love each other, and we respond with excuses—
I don't know how. We don't see eye to eye.
You ask us to dream and we get stuck in our own heads—
Change will never come. Is it worth it?*



*You ask us to believe, and like Thomas, we ask for proof—
Unless I see the nails in his hands, I cannot believe.
Forgive us for our small-minded ways.
Open our eyes as you open our hearts.
Unravel our doubt. Unravel our unbelief.
Lead us to rest in you.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.*

HYMN *The love of God* (STJ 44)

Scripture Reading - *John 20:19-29*

Tonya

Visual Reflection & Artist's Statement – *Grieving Thomas* – Lauren Wright Pittman

Children's Time

Lona Willems

Sermon

Tonya

Music for Meditation

Shelley

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Tonya

HYMN *Healer of our every ill* (HWB 377)

Shelley

Benediction

Jim

Postlude

Shelley