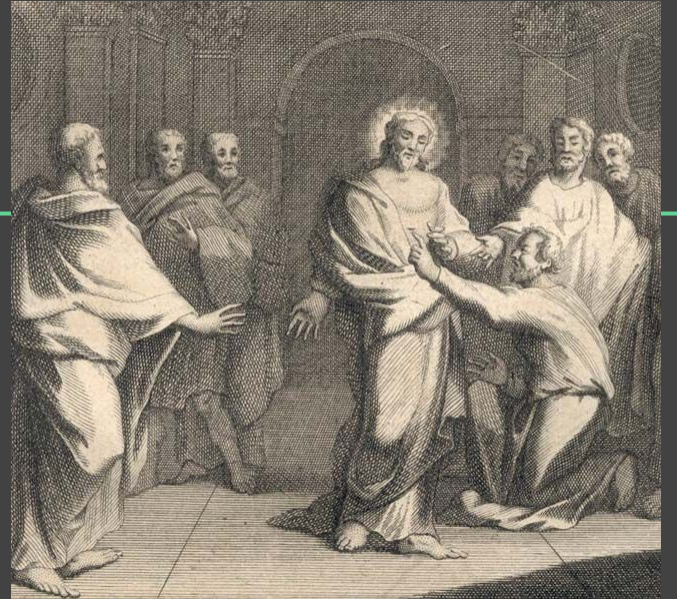


Welcome to Lake Avenue Baptist Church

April 12, 2026



Centering Words

- Our questions, driven by profound yearning to know, are made possible by the very structure of human nature, which is dynamically oriented toward all the reality there is to be known...human persons don't just ask questions: we are a question in search of the fullness of truth.
 - Elizabeth A Johnson, *Quest For the Living God*

Good Mornings

Ma gwa na ni (Shona), **Ming galaba** (Burmese), **Mwah be you ay** (Bembe), **Mbote** (Lingala), **Jam bo** (Swahili), **Na Dam Ma** (Chin), **Gaw Ler Gay** (Karen), **Buenos Dias** (Spanish), **Bonjour** (French), **Zǎoshang hǎo** (Chinese), **Kaja Na Ai Ee** (Jinghpaw Kachin), **Te Rya Beh Tee** (Karenni), **Mauri** (Kiribati), **Oo-ya Morgen** (Flemish)

Announcements

- Susan Maybeck's retirement celebration following service
- Mission Committee is still collecting laundry supplies
- Community Dinner Wednesday, April 15 at 6pm

Call to Worship

One: We long for understanding and knowledge

All: Teach us how to live with uncertainty

One: We come to you, uncomfortable with our doubt and our questions.

All: We trust that our honest questions are a better prayer than trying for certainty.

Call to Worship

One: Blessed are we, receiving the gift of doubt, settling into the truth that there are things we cannot know

All: Risen Jesus, sit with us in our doubt, guide us in our unknowing, and help us embrace the unanswered questions.

Opening Hymn - The Head That Once Was Crowned

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.

Opening Hymn - The Head That Once Was Crowned

The highest place that heaven affords

Belongs to him by right;

The King of kings and Lord of lords,

And heaven's eternal light.

Opening Hymn - The Head That Once Was Crowned

The joy of all who dwell above,

The joy of all below,

To whom he manifests his love,

And grants his name to know.

Opening Hymn - The Head That Once Was Crowned

To them the cross with all its shame,

With all its grace, is given;

Their name an everlasting name,

Their joy the joy of heaven.

Opening Hymn - The Head That Once Was Crowned

They suffer with their Lord below;

They reign with him above;

Their profit and their joy to know

The mystery of his love.

Opening Hymn - The Head That Once Was Crowned

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him,
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Children's Message



Song of Blessing for Children

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the
love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go. X2**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- Invitation to Offering
- Ministry of Music
- Doxology
 - **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**
- Blessing

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer
 - **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Gospel Storytelling with Cindy Maybeck



'The Doubt of St.
Thomas' by He Qi,
China/USA

Hymn - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (Verses 1, 6-9)

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death and hell rose triumphing.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Hymn - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (Verses 1, 6-9)

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Hymn - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (Verses 1, 6-9)

“My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be.”

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Hymn - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (Verses 1, 6-9)

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Hymn - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (Verses 1, 6-9)

How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Word - The Holiness of Doubt



Jesus Mafa project of Cameroon.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

The church's strong foundation

Is God's eternal love,

Through mystery of creation

It entered through above.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

Through Spirit still descending

With love we can't refuse,

It needs no staunch defending

But comes as God's good news.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

Through vales of human sorry,

Of mystery and pain,

Breaks forth a bright tomorrow

Where every hope is gain.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

With love that's sure and steady

By Spirit's holy sign,

The church has been made ready

To serve all humankind.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

We hide not in traditions
Of creeds that make no stand,
But find in love's position
The Kingdom is at hand.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

Sing now of celebration,
Of love renewed, restored,
As we in consecration
Live out the healing Word.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

We share Christ's way of living,

Shape future as he would,

Cross borders of forgiving

And share our humanhood.

Closing Hymn - The Church's Strong Foundation

On God in all creation,

One human family;

This is our true salvation

And love's own unity.

Sung Blessing - Weave (Sing Twice)

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together, together in love.

Thank You
for Joining
Us!



'Thomas and the Wound' by Jyoti Sahi, India