

**Scripture Readings – April 12, 2026 – for Little Current United Church. PC.**

**Psalm 16 pg. 738 VU**

**Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I have said to God,  
“You are my God; from you alone comes all my prosperity.”

**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land, and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods, their troubles shall be multiplied.

**Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods, nor will I take their names upon my lips R.**

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;

**you yourself have cast my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

**indeed I have a noble heritage.**

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;

**at night also you teach my heart.**

I keep you always before me;

**you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall. R.**

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; for my body shall also rest in safety.

**For you will not surrender me to the Grave, nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life.

**In your presence is fullness of joy; and from your right and flow delights for evermore. R.**

**John 20: 19-31 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

**Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

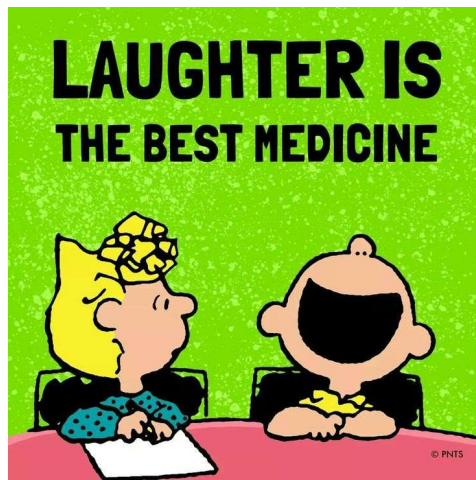
<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

**The Purpose of This Book**

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*May God’s spirit shape our understanding of these words.*

***And may they awaken in our hearts.***



Laughter Is The Best Medicine

