**Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church**

**Morning Worship**

April 26, 2020—9:30 AM

**Entering God’s Presence**

 Prelude—*I Am Not My Own*

 Welcome

 Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:1-3a

 The Lord’s Greeting

 Hymn of Praise—*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**Expressing Our Faith**

Confession of Faith: Lord’s Day 1

Children’s Message: by Steve Meeuwsen

 Pastoral Prayer

 Offering Plan: I Corinthians 16:2

 Offering for the General Fund and Back to God Ministries Int’l

 Hymn of Faith—*10,000 Reasons*

**Listening to the Lord**

 Scripture: John 20:24-31

 Message: ***Thomas***

 (Series: Post-Resurrection Encounters with Jesus)

 Prayer of Application

**Leaving with God’s Peace**

 Hymn of Assurance—*He Leadeth Me*

 The Lord’s Blessing

 Postlude—*Blessed Assurance (CityAlight)*

**Morning Message—April 26, 2020**

Rev. Ron De Young

***Thomas***

John 20:24-31

Introduction

 1. Have you ever doubted? Or at least wondered?

 2. The Lord’s invitation and challenge to Thomas

I. A verse by verse exploration of our text

 A. (Vs. 24) “Now Thomas was not with the disciples….”

 B. (vs. 25) “So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen….”

 C. (vs. 26) “A week later his disciples were in the house again….”

 D. (vs. 27) “Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here….”

 E. (vs. 28) “Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”

 F. (vs. 29) “The Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me….”

II. Reflections on dispelling doubt and disbelief

 A. A wide variety of reasons for doubting

 B. How we can encourage those who doubt

Conclusion: Your post-resurrection encounter with Jesus

#### [Lord’s Day 1](https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/heidelberg-catechism)

##### Q & A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly

willing and ready from now on to live for him.

##### Q & A 2

Q. What must you know to
live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;
second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.