Discussion Questions

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship. 1. Mary Magdalene was the first to proclaim, "I have seen the Lord." (See John 20.18) How did these words change her life? How have these words changed your life? 2. Why was Mary weeping at the empty tomb? What turned her grief into joy? 3. How does the resurrection of Jesus promise joy to all who grieve? 4. Why were the disciples afraid? How did Jesus greet them in the midst of their fear? 5. How does the resurrection of Jesus proclaim peace to all who fear? 6. Why did Thomas doubt the resurrection of Jesus? How did Jesus respond to His doubt?

7. Why did Jesus say to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"? (See John 20.29) What do you believe about the resurrection

of Jesus?