

As we adjust to these changing days, the Rev Ludwig Weaver will provide a daily devotion for our congregation Monday - Friday. This is a tool to enhance our daily time of prayer and reflection for these difficult times, as well as helping us stay connected as a church family. If you know someone who would like to receive these devotions, please send their email to [fountaininnpres@gmail.com](mailto:fountaininnpres@gmail.com)

The Worship Committee

Monday, May 25

**“The Great Commission – And Not So Great Commissioners”**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

After Jesus’ resurrection the disciples meet Him on a prearranged mountain. They see Him, they worship him, literally prostrate themselves before him. Yet, the scripture says that “some doubted.” We wonder how in the world some of the disciples, staring right at the resurrected Christ, can doubt.

And then we recall our own doubt. We have watched Jesus work in the life of our church, but still doubted. We have seen Christ bring about miraculous change in the lives of family and friends, but still doubted. We have watched Christ’s power of love and forgiveness transform our hearts and minds, but still doubted.

It is noteworthy that in the passage Jesus does not point out the doubters, does not criticize or scold them. Rather, they receive the same instruction and attention as those who do not doubt.

Doubt is a normal part of our faith journey. Events of our lives, our emotional state, all affect our faith development. We must be careful we do not allow doubt to become an excuse for not acting like Christ.

This morning on the day after Ascension Sunday, I ask that Christ will help me with my unbelief, realizing that instead of admonishing me, Jesus can employ this as an opportunity for spiritual growth, sending me out into the world “baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

Ludwig Weaver

**Matthew 28:16-17** *“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.”*