

April 7th
(Second Sunday of Easter)

“Of One Heart and Soul”

Baptism

Main Text: Acts 4:32-35
(1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31)

The book of Acts is the story of the community of faith as it began to live into the resurrected life together. Unity was a key to them, and it is just as important for the community of faith in our time as well. It is not the theological differences or church practices that threatened the church. It was how they engaged these things and that life. Acts is about a new way of being and behaving post resurrection. In this passage, everyone shared everything together and were of one heart and soul. Read on, and immediately that unity gets challenged. We are reminded that unity is the goal, but it is not easily attained or preserved. The resurrected life takes work and effort to preserve the peace of the Lord with us. The letter of John speaks of perfect love embodied in Jesus and essential to the nature and character of God. The Gospel of John reminds us that engaging grief and Jesus together is not a one and done. Thomas was not with them. How do we also invite people into this unity of heart and soul that they may experience the peace of God with us?