

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

April 19, 2020

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come into God's presence with joy.

All: In God, we have an inheritance that is imperishable.

One: Come into God's presence of hope.

All: In Christ, we have an inheritance that cannot be defiled.

One: Come into God's presence with longing.

All: In the Spirit, we have an inheritance that never fades.

One: Come into God's presence with love.

All: In God, we have an inheritance that brings new life.

One: And together let us pray.

All: God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ. Clear our vision, Holy One, that we may see the promise of Easter in the stirrings of this precious earth and in the life energy flowing through our bodies. Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the risen Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Virginia Lorenzi

*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Verses 1-3)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We have heard your word spoken. Now, may that word grow in our hearts and our lives, that we may work together to build a world where all may share God's abundant life.

Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32 N.T. Pg. 113

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 N. T. Pg. 216

THE PSALM READING Psalm 16 O.T. Pg. 479

THE GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31 N.T. Pg. 110

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN "Because He Lives!" UMH#364

SERMON "Life Goes On!" Rev. Jane Kim

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you come offering us peace, but we hold onto our fears; you come offering us a future filled with promise, but we retreat to pleasant memories of the past. We want to believe that you offer us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We want to see ourselves as you see us. We want to live as you would have us live. We want to believe that life is stronger than the death we see all around us. Help our belief, O God, that we may truly know and live your gift of resurrection. Amen.

ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

WORD OF ASSURANCE

The inheritance that God promises us is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Even when we are consumed by doubt, God is always faithful. Even when we lose our way, God is able to find us and bring us home. Even when we are at war with ourselves, God is able to bring us peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

God is our chosen portion and our cup of blessing. Christ is our delight and our refuge from the storm. The Spirit has given us a goodly inheritance and blessed us with abundance. Let us share our gratitude for the grace we have received by giving freely to a world in need of Easter Joy.

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O God, our refuge and our strength, we rejoice that you are our chosen portion, you are our cup that overflows to eternal life. As we celebrate your Easter miracle of bringing life out of death, we express our gratitude and joy for the new life budding within us and all around us. Bless the gifts we offer you this day, that they may bring hope and new life to a world that clings even now to the illusion of death’s victory over the Lord of Life. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Through Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope.

All: **God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading – an inheritance protected by the power of God.**

One: Rejoice, therefore, even if for a while we suffer various trials.

All: **For life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hate, joy is stronger than sorrow, and the promise of God are sure.**

One: Go now in peace and share the grace we have found in the love of our risen Christ!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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