

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

May 3, 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 PRAER

One: Can you hear the voice of God?

All: We hear God calling us by name.

One: Are you troubled or distressed.

All: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.

One: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

All: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Shepherd of Life, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"*

UMH #352

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Virginia Lorenzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We have heard the voice of God calling our name, calling us to the path of life.

We give thanks for these refreshing words of love.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:42-47 N.T. Pg. 114

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:19-25 N. T. Pg. 217

THE GOSPEL READING John 10:1-10 N.T. Pg. 98

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Safe!"* Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN *"You Are Mine"* TFWS #2218

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

Christ, our shepherd and gate, we would rather chart our own course, than be shepherded like sheep; we would rather find our own way, than see you as the Way; we would rather be shepherds than sheep, who are vulnerable and exposed. Forgive us when we bleat our resistance, as you guide us to higher pastures. Be our gate, our way to safe havens, where we can dwell with you secure. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. The Good Shepherd finds us and brings us home always calling our name. When we return, you welcome us with open arms. Through Christ, you unfailingly love and forgive us.

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

Holy One, touch us with the awe that came upon those early disciples, as they beheld the signs and wonders performed in their midst by the apostles. May the gifts we offer this day be a remembrance of their commitment to share all things in common. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(From UMH Pgs. 9-11)*

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*HYMN *“One Bread, One Body”*

UMH #620

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We have been refreshed and restored.

All: We have been called and guided.

One: Let us go forth knowing who our true shepherd is,
following his path, secure in the knowledge
that goodness and mercy will follow us
all the days of our life.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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