

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

April 16, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Alleluia, Alleluia"* UMH #162

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD 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!

*HYMN *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Verses 1, 2, 3* UMH #57

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

One: Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

All: In this place, we find hope and joy.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Let us worship the one who brings new life.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Life-giving God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of your Son. We are grateful for the new life he brings. We are grateful for the hope and joy he shares. We are grateful for leading the way, as he goes before us. Gracious God, today and every day, we offer you our thanks and praise. Strengthen our faith, that it may sustain us during difficult days and enable us to share your love with others. Open our hearts to new life and new possibilities. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God. Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE PSALM READING Psalm 16:1-3

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

THE GOSPEL READING John 20:19-22

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Still Celebrating"* Rev. Jane Kim

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

God of mercy and grace, there are times when we do not understand this life of faith. We do not understand how Jesus rose from the dead. We do not understand how the resurrected Christ comes to us today. Forgive and restore us. Help us trust you and your love for us. And help us trust the ways of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved children of God, you are forgiven. May this forgiveness bring peace to your souls, your minds, and your body.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Risen Indeed"* by Larry Shackley
CUMC Adult Choir

(Refrain) Risen indeed, yes, risen indeed! Jesus My Lord is risen indeed!
Oh! death, where is your victory? Jesus My Lord is risen indeed!

Early in the morning, about the break of the day,
on the Easter morning,
The stone was rolled away. Mary saw an angel, this is what he said,
"Why do you seek the living out here among the dead?"
Don't you know that He's risen indeed, yes, risen indeed!

(Refrain) On the road to Emmaus, two disciples cried;
Their hearts were so heavy, for they thought their Lord had died.
Then Jesus walked beside them, and as He broke the bread,
They knew that Christ was living, just as the prophet said.(Refrain)
Then the disciples gathered and saw His hands and sides,
Even doubting Thomas was finally satisfied.

Then Jesus said, "Get Ready! I want you all to go to tell everybody
So all the world will know."
Tell them He's risen indeed, yes, risen indeed!
Jesus My Lord is risen indeed! Death has lost its mighty sting.
All creation join and sing! Shout it 'til the rafters ring!
Jesus My Lord is risen indeed!

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for your promise of new life. We thank you for these gifts. We offer them into your hands. May they bring hope and new life to those in need. In the name of the resurrected Christ, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for Ukraine today. We pray for people suffering from war. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the war o, God. Amen.

*HYMN *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (2X)* TFWS #2088

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: May the love of God, the deep peace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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