

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m. *Native American Ministries Sunday* April 23, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH #369

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 *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"* Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come walk with us.

All: **We will join the journey.**

One: Let us talk together.

All: **We will listen and speak.**

One: Christ goes with us.

All: **Jesus guides our steps.**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **Holy One, we are often confused by the events in our world. Come and walk with us. Open our hearts to hear your truth. Plant the seed of new life within us. In trust of your loving presence, 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 ACTS READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 4:5

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Justification by Faith"* 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 love and compassion, we often fail to understand the truth of your love. We are frequently confused and filled with doubt. Life can feel meaningless. We wander down the pathways of life, longing to see our way more clearly. Open our eyes this day, that we may see your way of love and grace. Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence. Feed us with the true bread of life, and help us change our hearts and lives, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's promises are for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God invites us into newness of life, forgiving and blessing us.

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 *"Season of Promise"* Mark Hayes / words by Herb Frombach
CUMC Adult Choir

Listen to the stillness; new life is stirring.
God is at work; new dreams are on the wing.

Listen to the silence; new hops are blooming.
God is at work; all life begins to sing!

This is the season of promise. All nature is shouting resurrection!
The old is gone, the new has come.
Awaken, all of God's creation; God is at work.
The seed which died now brings new life.
Listen to the quiet; New seeds are waiting.
God is at work; such beauty God will bring.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of love, source of all goodness, you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. We are your servants and we offer ourselves with joy. In Jesus' name, 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 *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" by Matt Redman* Insert

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As you walk the paths of life, know that Jesus is with you,
blessing you with his presence.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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