

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

10 a.m.

April 14, 2024

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

PRELUDE

A Moment of Prayer
by David Paxton

INTROIT

There's Something About That Name
by William Gaither

CUMC Adult Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

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!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

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

*HYMN

For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(verses 1,2, & 3)

UMH #57

CALL TO WORSHIP (By Rev. Anita Phillips, Cherokee, Retired Ordained Elder)

One: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you live the life I have given to you?"

All: Like a still, deep pool in the desert, we will live in a way that reflects your love back onto your world.

One: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you walk this path I have given to you?"

All: Like the creatures of the forest, we will walk in a way that respects all life created by your hand.

One: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you reach out to the world beyond yourselves?"

All: Like the branches of a sapling tree, we will strive to reach beyond the safe and the familiar, touching the world in your name. Help us to remember we all are connected through the endless circle of life and creation. Teach us to trust and to follow the example of Jesus Christ who lived a life of sacrifice, walked a path of goodness and mercy, and reached beyond human differences. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (By Josephine Deere, Muscogee Creek, retired DCM, OIMC)

We gather here in the presence of the Great Creator. We come together as one in Christ from all over this great planet that was loaned to us. May the Great Creator come into our hearts and make us one. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Nathan Sam-Whistler Tohono O'odham/Paiute)

One: O' Great Spirit hear our hearts. We are weak and feeble.

All: We have been wronged and we have wronged others.

One: Help us, to forgive others and to forgive ourselves.

All: Many things bother us--some of these things we can talk about--others we cannot.

One: Set our feet upon solid ground so that we might again walk in a good way.

All: Creator, we come to you with a repentant heart. Deliver us from our pain.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven.

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23 (A Native-American Version)

Luke 24:36b-48

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Open Hands"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

"Testimony: A Faith Journey as a Cherokee" by Jeff Ridley

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Indigenous Peoples offer tobacco as a gift to Creator. One of the four sacred herbs, tobacco along with cedar, sweet grass, and sage is a powerful gift that is pleasing to our Creator and a symbol of respect. Therefore, in our traditional way, we offer our gifts, our resources, our love, to Creator.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Season of Promise
by Mark Hayes & Herb Frombach

CUMC Adult Choir

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: All Things Hold Beauty (a Mohawk prayer)
Thank you, Creator, for all that You have given us. Thank you for the beauty of the universe that You created: the trees, the sky, the mountains, the rain. All things hold beauty in themselves and all are related and touch each creature of the earth. You created the rhythm and pattern of the universe in a harmony of movement, sight and sound. Help us to appreciate Your creation and to live with our eyes, ears, and hearts open to Your message. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

*HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* UMH # 308

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH
One: Walk tall as the trees,
All: Live strong as the mountains,
One: Be gentle as the spring winds,
All: Keep the warmth of the summer sun in your heart
One: And the Great Spirit will always be with you.
Amen

POSTLUDE *Festive Postlude*
by Richard Williamson

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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