

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

10 a.m.

April 7, 2024

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

PRELUDE *Yes, I Know My Savior Lives*  
by Lani Smith

INTROIT *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* CUMC Adult Choir  
by Donald Fishel

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 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH #304

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

**All: We are here at the invitation of God.**

One: In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

**All: In this place, God's blessings abound.**

One: Praise be to God!

**All: Praise be to God!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts to remember the blessings of your light and love as they flow through our lives each day. In this moment, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the truths of your story. Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us. And open our eyes to your glory: glory reflected in the faces around us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS: THE OLD TESTAMENT: Joel 2:28-32  
THE NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 4:32-33  
THE GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Power of the Resurrection" Cheryl Cowan  
Introduction  
Opening Prayer  
Message  
Closing Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION See Insert

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The love and light of God flow through our lives, bringing us joy and hope. With thanksgiving in our hearts, let us offer our gifts to God, the source of all our blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Risen Indeed* CUMC Adult Choir  
by Larry Schackley Previously Recorded

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Abundant God, we are grateful for all your blessings, especially for the presence of the risen Christ. Bless these gifts, that they may help bring your love and light into our community and our world. Amen.**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEACE

**God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. 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 wars o, God. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*He Lives*

UMH #310

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, may the love of God, the peace of the risen Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Happy the Soul Who Dwells in God*

by Richard Blake

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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