A PRAYER FOR PEACE

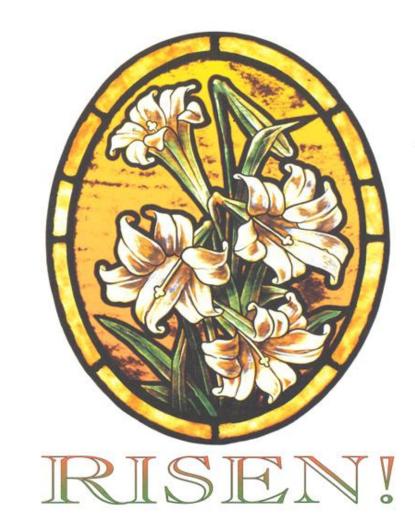
God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent 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	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	UMH #302				
*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH We have heard the story. Life triumphed over death. Grief became joy. Go now and tell the good news: Christ is risen! Alleluia!						
FAREWELL	Go Now in Peace (2x)	UMH #665				
POSTLUDE	<i>Scherzino</i> by Cesar Cui					

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Thank you to Flutist, Chrissy Fong, and Violinist, Hahnsol Kim, for accompanying our Minister of Music and Pianist, Jeong-Hwa Park for this morning's service.



Community United Methodist Church

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

Rev. Sue H. Yun, Pastor Jeong-Hwa Park, Minister of Music Stacey Longenberger, Secretary

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 * indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TEWS is the small black book. PRELUDE Easter Alleluia Medley arr. by Gary Lanier INTROIT Alleluia, Christ Is Risen CUMC Adult Choir by Michael Larkin 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: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you All: And also with you *HYMN Up from the Grave He Arose UMH #322 CALL TO WORSHIP One: This is the day that the Lord has made. All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! One: This is Easter Sunday. All: Alleluia! Alleluia! OPENING PRAYER God of life and love, we are eager to hear the good news of new life. Enter our lives and cast our fears aside. Lead us on a journey from grief and despair to hope and joy. We are ready to celebrate and give thanks for your transforming love. We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day! Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. 	10 a.m.	ORDER OF WO	RSHIP FOR EASTER	R SUNDAY April 20, 2025
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PRAYER OF YEARNING

Come, O God, and bring new life to the dead places in our hearts. When we are weary and afraid, help us trust your never-failing love. May this love banish our fears, nourish our spirits, and deepen our joy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love is faithful and everlasting. This is the day that God has made. It is filled with new life and hope.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	"Mary Magdalene's Journey to the Risen Christ"	Rev. Sue H. Yun
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INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let us rejoice and give thanks this day, bringing our gifts to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Is He Worthy? CUMC Adult Choir by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive/arr. Heather Sorenson

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of life and love, we are grateful for your promise of resurrection and new life. Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice. With joy, we bring our gifts to you this day. Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ's triumph over death. Amen

JOYS & CONCERNS

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