

Morning Worship
Sunday, April 11, 2021, 10:00 am
2nd Sunday of Easter

Beginning Music "We Have Seen the Lord"
Prelude "Psalm of Glory" RoseAnne Homola
Words to ponder: "How beautiful when we live together in unity and love!"

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2
Scriptures for the 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed
Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader
Leader: Come, walk in the light.
People: We walk together as children of light and love.
Leader: Come, gather in the love of God.
People: We gather together as children of light and love.
Leader: Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.
People: We live together as children of light and love.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader
Light of the world, shine upon us with your Holy Spirit. Gather in our midst, that we might know you are truly here. Guide us in unity and love, that we might be a blessing of unity and love for the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Thine Be The Glory"

Passing the Peace of Christ (*Unison*)
Peace be with you.
And also with you.
Peace be in your midst.
Peace be in our very souls.
Peace be the light on our path.
Peace be the way of our world.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

A Time for Children of All Ages Marsha Moore

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Acts 4:32-35 Leader
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 Leader
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Hymn of Preparation "Open My Ears, Lord" Verse 2

Sermon "*Is the Chicken Dead or Alive?*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader
You know us so very well, Christ Jesus. You know our doubts and our questions, and you love us enough to welcome such doubts and questions. You know our fractures and divisions, and you love us enough to invite us to forgive one another and live in unity. You know the shadows that tempt us, and still you shine your light within, inviting warmth and welcoming us back to your path of peace and love. Thank you for loving us and for inviting us on the journey of love. Help us embrace this journey, that we may walk in the light, and live in unity together. In your gracious love, we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Generous God, we offer you our gifts as best we can. Although we don't share everything in common, as those first believers did, we are sharing these gifts, that they may be used for the common good. Bless these gifts with the power of your Holy Spirit. Bless us with a spirit of unity and love. And bless our ministries, that we may bring your message of unity and love for all the world to know. In your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Trust and Obey"

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction

Benediction Response "He Is Exalted" # 2070
Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt

Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello, Eunice Alberts, Thayer Doyle, Patti Early, Bill Florin,
RoseAnne Homola, Amy Rajpolt, Sheryl Rajpolt

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Patty Dayton; Children's Time: Marsha Moore
Singers Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola
Joys and Concerns: Bill Florin

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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