

Morning Worship
Sunday, April 18, 2021, 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Easter

Beginning Music "Redeemed"

Prelude "Just As I Am and Lamb of God" RoseAnne Homola

Words to ponder: "For all who lose sight of hope, adjust our perspective, catch our eye, and touch us, Risen Savior, with your surprising presence."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4
Scriptures for the 4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Answer us when we call, O God. Be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

People: **When we are in distress, you make space for us. You put gladness in our hearts, as with a fine feast.**

Leader: When we are disturbed, may we not sin, but ponder things on our beds, and be silent.

People: **I will both lie down and sleep in peace. For you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Holy God, we give thanks that you often reveal yourself to be different from our expectations. When we long for the love we have known in the past, our eyes are dimmed to the beauty you reveal to us now. As your first followers struggled to see how a suffering savior could be the messiah, we strain to recognize you still today. Come, Spirit, make yourself known in the study of scripture, in our songs of praise, and especially in the grace and love we offer one another, Make yourself known in every friend we have yet to meet in your good and blessed name. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Eunice Alberts,
Ron Giannattasio

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Eunice Alberts

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament 1 John 3:1-7 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36b-48 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Open My Ears, Lord"

Sermon "*God's Family Album*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Spirit of the Risen Savior, when we fail to recognize you, we become reluctant to follow in your way. Just as the disciples struggled to comprehend how the Christ could have been a suffering servant, we find it difficult to see you in those who suffer today. We resist starting down the path you have shown us until we know exactly where it will lead. Free us from cynicism and fear. Liberate your world from suspicion and prejudice. Forgive us, Living Lord, and lead us wherever you will.

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)

God of love, help us remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands to bless the people we meet. Ours are the feet to do good in Christ's name. Bless, O God, the work of our hands and these offerings, that they may be Christ's work in the world. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Sheryl Rajpolt,
Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction

Benediction Response "Sent Forth by God's Blessings"
Rose Aiello, Sue Simmons,
Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

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: Anita Stabler-Hussey; Children's Time: Eunice Alberts
Singers Eunice Alberts, Sheryl Rajpolt, Sue Simmons, Dave York

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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