

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024
10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

Reflection for Worship Today

*Continuing, this week, to look at what it means to be the church in a messy world
as we consider how we shall live.*

Prelude

Greeting

One: Good morning, Church! I see you! **ALL: I am here!**

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

One: How shall we live when lavished with love?

**ALL: We are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we
are to become in the future.**

One: Just as in our origins, our future is tied to our planet.

**ALL: Our Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing. Let
us worship God, who makes all things new.**

*Opening Hymn "Come, We That Love the Lord" vs. 1, 3, 4 UMH 732

*Unison Prayer

**God of Hope, we see Your love poured out for us in ALL the world.
Make us more like You. Teach us to live together as one community
human and beyond-human, creature and created to Your glory, so
Your love is known among ALL the living. Amen.**

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Time

One: And, Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Scripture Reading Focus text: 1 John 3:1-7 CEB

Response

One: The Word of God for ALL of us - God's people.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "We Purify in Hope"

Response Chorus "Alleluia, Alleluia"

UMH 162

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Sharing Updates, Joys, and Concerns
(please text prayers to 414-378-4012)

Centering Song for Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

FWS 2193

Pastoral Prayer for the Cares of the People

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

*Invitation to Giving Action

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

*Eastertide Doxology TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 88.44.88 (UMH 94)

Praise Jesus Christ, who rose from death!

Praise to the Source of life and breath!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise to the Spirit, holy dove,

Giver of life, of peace, of love,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Blessing Prayer

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which You have called us Your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources You've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for You and our desire to be faithful stewards of Your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth

One: Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear – because our relation to this world is just like Christ's. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear.

ALL: Mountains and valleys, flora, and fauna, receive Your love and echo with praise. Our salvation is bound together with Creation.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn “Christ Is Risen” vs. 1, 3

UMH 307

*Postlude

Notes:

Lectionary readings: Psalm 4, Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

Tech: **Joe Whyms, Dave Smith, Izzy Veit, Wendi Haubert**
Worship leaders: Amy Veit, Sophia Veit, Debbie Huyck,
Pat Mehring, Chuck Garrigues, Tony Suminski
Ken Miller, Mary Schulz, Wendi Haubert, Sue
Schulkers

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Musicians: Sue Broker, Sue
Schulkers, **Dave Smith (midi)**
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