

Fourth Sunday of Easter

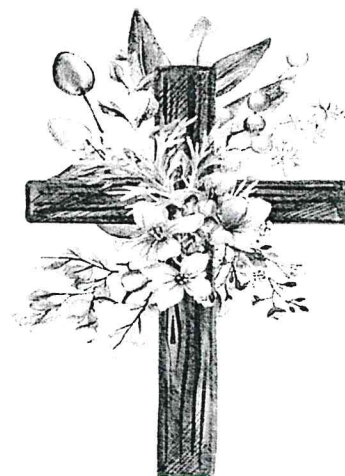
April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

Reflection for Worship Today

*Put your heart into it. That's how we indicate something is really important. That's how we show that we are really committed, really involved, really connected.
Right?*

Prelude

Greeting

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

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

One: How shall we live when we have more than enough?

ALL: We have no greater praise to offer than caring for Your creatures and Creation.

One: The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.

ALL: In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of Your love. Let us worship God, the Ground of ALL Being.

*Opening Hymn “The Gift of Love” *all verses*

UMH 408

*Unison Prayer

Living Word, whose love abides in us, You call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts so we may love Your beloveds.

Open our ears to the wisdom of those You send, who might otherwise be dismissed. Transform our charity into justice over ALL the earth.

Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Time

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

Scripture Reading "When We Practice Real Love" 1 John 3:16-24 MSG

Response

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "We Abide in Christ"

Response Chorus "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" vs. 1, 2 UMH 420

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Sharing Updates, Joys, and Concerns

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012)

Centering Song for Prayer "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" vs. 3, 4
UMH 420

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

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light You've shown us. Your word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of Your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In Your holy 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: Form in us, O God, a community of creativity and collaboration.

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn “Jesu, Jesu” vs. 2, 3, 4

UMH 432

*Postlude

Notes:

Lectionary readings: Psalm 23, Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

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

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Ken Miller, Mary Schulz, Wendi Haubert, Sue
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