

April 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Easter

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.

— 1 *Peter* 1:8

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE "Christus Resurrexit" (Ravanello) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Meredith

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.

Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

In this place, we find hope and joy.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Let us worship the one who brings new life.

\*OPENING HYMN

"He Lives"

**UMH 310** 

\*OPENING PRAYER

Kathleen Meredith

Life-giving God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of your Son. We are grateful for the new life he brings. We are grateful for the hope and joy he shares. We are grateful for leading the way, as he goes before us. Gracious God, today and every day, we offer you our thanks and praise. Strengthen our faith, that it may sustain us during difficult days and enable us to share your love with others. Open our hearts to new life and new possibilities. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "In Joseph's Lovely Garden" (arr. Dickinson) Chancel Choir

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** 

Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathleen Meredith

#### 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, <sup>4</sup> and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. <sup>5</sup> And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

<sup>6</sup> So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold — though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

<sup>8</sup> You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. <sup>9</sup> The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

## Hymn Sing

OFFERTORY "Lento" (Purvis) Henry Repp You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kathleen Meredith

Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for your promise of new life. We thank you for these gifts. As we offer them into your hands, may they bring hope and new life to those in need. In the name of the resurrected Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

**UMH 98** 

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE "Toccata on Christ ist Erstanden" (Purvis) Henry Repp



### **Activities in the Church This Week**

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18 Thursday, April 20 Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23

10 Chair Yoga HH

6 Book Study Zoom

6 Boy Scouts HH 7 Choir Rehearsal

9-2 Treasures of Hope

10 Unity Choir Rehearsal

9 Joy Fellowship and Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Service

2 Unity Choir Rehearsal





### **Today's Worship Leaders**

**Pastor** Liturgist Organist/Music Director Greeter Camera Operator Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig Kathleen Meredith Henry Repp Fred Fox Jen Phlegar Jay Morrison