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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2023 ~ 8:30AM

PRELUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*

(Hatton/arr. Krapf)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Please sign the registration pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

As you walk with us, as we journey together,

**Lord, your word fills our hearts!**

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

**Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!**

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

**may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We confess together that we are afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves,  
yet you see us as we really are.

**Open our eyes, Lord.**

Even when we won't listen to you, you hear us when we call your name.

**Open our ears, Lord.**

We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves,  
though you gave it to share with the world.

**Open our mouths, Lord.**

May we know and serve the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us and to all who are near and far.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

LET US PRAY

**Lord, we celebrate the triumph of life over death—  
this is the good news of Jesus, our risen savior.**

**You have ransomed us from our futility—**

**our salvation wasn't purchased with gold or silver, or with perishable earthly goods,  
but with the precious blood of Christ himself.**

**In his resurrection, we are born anew with him—**

**born of the immortal, born of the everlasting, born into a living hope.**

**Fill us with all good gifts of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may share your love with boldness and power, with passion and conviction!**

**In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE #139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

✦ THE APOSTLES' CREED

✦ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Total Praise*

*(arr. Rainey)*

✦ DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures  
to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze.  
By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed,  
that we may receive you with joy. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

HYMN OF PREPARATION #349

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"A Good Case of Heartburn"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Go Your Way With Rejoicing!*

*(Douglas E. Wagner)*

✦ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Liturgist: Rev. Tom East

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Wright Tapscott, John McClellan

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OPENING SONG

*House of the Lord*

Shea White

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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CALL TO WORSHIP

**We come to worship**

Sometimes more like David, and sometimes more like Goliath.

**We come to worship**

To remember to trust in your strength, not our own,  
and to live into the calling you have on our lives.

**We come to worship**

to lay all that we are and all that we have before you.

**So let us worship our God!**

LET US PRAY

**Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives  
and set us up on your holy mountain.**

**Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine.**

**Let our praises for you leap from our mouths,  
that we may be alive with faith and joy. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Rockslinger and His Greatest Hit*

Lighthouse Kids Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace.  
In penitence and faith, let us confess our weakness to God and to one another.

**Most merciful God, forgive us.**

**We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath.**

**We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity.**

**We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands.**

**Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water;  
mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love.  
Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

#### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,  
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering  
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

*\*\*\*Baskets are available to present your offering  
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

#### INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

#### SENDING FORTH

#### CLOSING SONG

#### **Assisting in Worship Today:**

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Ford Macklem, Harper Myrick

#### **Music Team:**

Tom and Jenna Hood, Carolyn Kidd, Natalie Woodrow, Shea White

#### **Acolyte:**

Luke Searcy

#### **Communion Servers:**

Diana Justis, Deb and Tom Slone, Katie and Lee Turner

#### **Lighthouse Kids Choir:**

**Commander** – Caroline Turner\*

**Sentries** – Laz Pryor\* & Adelaide Robertson\*

**David** – Whit Macklem\*

**Eliab** – Warren Fargason

**Shield Bearer** – Peyton Boward

**Michal** – Anne Pavey Grant\*

**King Saul** – Harper Myrick

**Philistines** – Ellie DeShazo, Nora Harris, Frannie McCarthey, Reece Myrick

**Israelites** – Olivia Boward, Sophie Harris, Murphy McCarthey, Irie Anne Meador, Miriam Meador,  
Gloryana Pryor, Cate Richardson, Harbour Robertson, Charlotte Robinson, McKenna Robinson\*,  
Haddie Turner, Emma Waldhour, Marley Waldhour, Nate Waldhour, Emily Wells

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**Backdrop** - Katja Palumbo

**Sound** - Jamie Waldhour, Jeff White

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