



Holy Cross United Methodist Church
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We welcome you to worship with us!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Arr. Wayne Mock

Light of Christ Enters

Acolyte or Worship Leader

Welcome to Worship/Passing the Peace

Pastor/People

Call to Worship

L: How shall we live when lavished with love?

P: “We are Creator’s children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future.”

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

P: Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing.

L: Let us worship our Creator God, who makes all things new.

Opening Hymn

Many and Great

148 UMH

Service of Baptism

Rev. Dr. Tevita Vaikona

Prayer Chorus

Lead me, Lord

473 UMH

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is You, Lord, You Lord only,
That makes me dwell in safety.

Sharing our Prayers and Praises

All

Prayer Response: *Lord, hear our Prayer*

Praise Response: *Thanks be to God*

(please email prayer requests/answers to: shamlynlee@gmail.com)

Where Have You Seen God

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Tevita Vaikona/All

Offertory

Arr. Wayne Mock

Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Tevita Vaikona

Hymn of Preparation

Christ Is Alive

318 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING

Please stand for our Gospel reading, today it is from Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Worship Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

The Kingdom is here

Rev. Dr. Tevita Vaikona

Closing Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>	310 UMH
Going Forth - Opportunities to Learn & Serve		Lay Leader
The Sending Forth & Blessing		Rev. Dr. Tevita Vaikona
Song for Going Forth	<i>The Lord Bless and Keep You</i>	2280 FWS
The Light of Christ Goes into the World		Acolyte or Worship Leader
Postlude		Wayne Mock

We hope you will join us again!

Holy Cross United Methodist Church, Staff and Volunteers

Worship/Song Leader	Tracy Tennies
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Announcements

"Share Time" Did everyone enjoy the Share Time refreshments for March & April Communion Sunday after church? Would you like to continue having Share Time on Communion Sundays? There will be a sign-up sheet for Holy Cross members to volunteer and donate to Share Time. We will need different volunteers for the first Sunday of every month. Contact Natalie for more information.

North Stockton Mercy Pedalers We continue to go out on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to serve the unsheltered community. We are in need of men's clothing, small packets of wipes, and hot chocolate. Do you like to bake? We always need weekly bakers to make cookies, muffins, and treats to pass out. You can also donate to our ministry on the church website, or putting something in the offering plate marked for us. Thank your Holy Cross for your continued support. Rita Steele, chairperson

Communion offering for April- Native American Ministries Collected on APRIL 7th & 14th! What is Native American Ministries Sunday? This Special Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. A gap in knowledge exists in The United Methodist Church, in congregations and other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life, cultures, languages, spirit, values, contemporary issues, and such. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. The offering allows The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Last year, your generosity delivered over \$243 thousand towards these ministries: Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the conferences. To assist in developing these programs, each conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). These committees seek to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples. The committees determine the distribution of the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, coordinate the promotion of that Special Sunday, and monitor Native American ministries within the Annual Conference. Twenty-five percent of donations received fund scholarships designated scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. A significant shortage exists of Native American pastors and trained professionals and these scholarships provide development, implementation, and assessment of a higher education recruitment/retention for Native Americans. Twenty-five percent of the donations collected are used to create beneficial programs. These funds allow the UMC to partners with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Some of those efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects, and restoring traditional and historic ways that bring forth new leaders for Native American communities.