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A warm welcome to all guests and newcomers. Please fill out the attendance register on your pew. All persons are welcome at First United Methodist Church, as Jesus Christ has welcomed us into the love and grace of God. Our mission is to change lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

At the chiming of the Trinity, please silence your mobile devices and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Matt Limbaugh

† HYMN 136 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want CRIMOND
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

A MODERN AFFIRMATION

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

† RESPONSORIAL HYMN 71 Glory Be to the Father GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

Congregational Response

We rejoice to recognize you a member of Christ's holy church, and welcome you to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

† GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:28-30

† NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 4:1-13

† RESPONSE TO THE LESSON
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Key Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hail, Holy Light Howard Helvey
Hail, holy light! The world rejoices As morning breaks and shadows fly;
All nature blends her myriad voices To greet the dayspring from on high.
O God, if we could duly praise Thee, Could we but voice the love we see,
As sweet as song as angels raise Thee, Our Sabbath morning hymn should be.
Break forth, in glory far excelling, O light eternal, love divine!
Let Thy bright beams, all shades dispelling, Around us and within us shine.

† HYMN 94 Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN 147 All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK
Refrain
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in C Leon Nelson

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

The anthem today was arranged by Howard Helvey to the tune of ST. CLEMENT which is hymn 690 in our hymnal. It was composed with deep gratitude, given to the clergy, staff, vestry, and all people of Calvary Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.