

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church
April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**You are invited to stand as you are able and willing.*

"Do not fear your doubts. Mother Teresa, John of the Cross, and other spiritual giants were tormented by doubt during their lives. Doubt is a pathway to a deeper, richer faith—a faith where we can say with Thomas, 'My Lord and My God.' 2022 Abingdon Worship Annual

Prelude **Seasonal Music**

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord.

P: Praise God in the sanctuary.

Worship God in the mighty firmament.

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

P: Praise God with trumpet and horn.

Worship God with lute and harp.

L: Let the people of God sing their praise.

P: Praise God with tambourine and dance.

Worship God with strings and pipes.

L: Let the faithful join the strain.

Praise God with clashing cymbals.

Praise God with beating drums

All: Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn:** **"It Is Well with My Soul"** **UMH# 377**

Opening Prayer (In unison)

Lord of Life, by submitting to death you conquered the grave.

By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin.

Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of your death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Prayers of the Christ's Church for Others and Ourselves

(Sharing Our Joys and Concerns)

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Children's Time

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH#191

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

"Worthy Is The Lamb"

by Pepper Choplin

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 150

New Testament Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Message:

Pastor Fern Blair Hart

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn:**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

UMH #452

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jesus our Lord, we ask for your forgiveness—for what we have done, but shouldn't have, for what we should have done but didn't. We yearn to hear your voice, Gentle Shepherd, but listen to our own voices instead. We want to care for our brothers and sisters, to comfort them when they are hurt, to give what we have to people who have less, but we choose to

hoard our resources and time. Forgive us Lord; and help us forgive ourselves too for everything we name before you now.... In your holy name, we pray. Amen,

+Exchange of Signs of the Peace of the Risen Christ

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to the Glory of God

Offertory "Lord of the Dance" A Shaker Tune adapted by Sidney Carter

+Doxology. "Glory Be To the Father"

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

God of abundance, we offer these gifts to you in thanksgiving and joy for the presence of the living Christ. May these gifts bring new life to those both near and far. And may we offer ourselves in service to you and to one another. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

****Sending Hymn:*** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH # 384

Benediction

Postlude "Adagio For Strings" by Samuel Barber, arranged by Joe Swindon

Lections for May 1, 2022: Acts 9:1-6, 7-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Fellowship with coffee hour will follow our Sunday Service

The Lenten Book Study "Witness at the Cross" Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
via Zoom

* Semi-Annual Document Shredding Event Saturday May 14th 8:30am
to 12:30pm Rain or Shine \$15 per box, \$10 per box for seniors.



Recycle That Bicycle! - Have a bicycle you aren't using anymore? Golden Hill UMC is looking for donations of bikes for their annual Used Bike Giveaway on June 4th for families in need. Bikes should be in decent shape (a few minor repairs is ok). Deadline to donate is May 21st. Please contact Phyllis Grafton at 203-386-8973 with any questions and to arrange pickup.



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