

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

April 23, 2023 11:00 a.m.



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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing arr. J. Leavitt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

EASTER INTROIT

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna! B.Wren/R. Arnatt, arr. C. Dyck

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#312 Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from umcdiscipleship.org) Wondrous God,

We confess that our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love and instead fall into despair and gloom.

Lift up our spirits and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death

in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of the Risen Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI R. Goodson

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

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a Pages 966, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Anthem

Christ is Arisen, Indeed! N. Sleeth

$\textbf{RESPONSIVE PRAYER} \ (\textbf{adapted from www.re-worship.blogspot.com})$

One: Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us

from recognizing you?

Many: When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you out of our lives.

One: Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us

from recognizing you?

Many: We don't recognize you in our neighbour, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

One: Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us

from recognizing you?

Many: Our eyes and ears have become so crammed

with the sights and sounds of living

that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

All: Lord Jesus,

help rid us of all that hinders our awareness of you, so that, like those travellers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share the good news with others.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#480 Open My Eyes, that I May See **OPEN MY EYES**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#404 Hope of the World

VICAR

M. Adria

SECOND READING

Luke 24:13-35 Page 92, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Post-Resurrection Presence" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Easter Hymn T. Shaw

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing. All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love: Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#306 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. People: And also with you.

*Choral Benediction

Alleluia

W. Boyce

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Ceremonial March

H. Sumsion

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown; Prayers of the People - Christina Ward; Scripture readers - Twyla Fletcher, Esther Steeves; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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