

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude
Goin' Home Wesley Ringers and Janet Guetle
(Theme from the "New World" Symphony)
by Antonin Dvorak
arr. by Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop
Eternal God, rock and refuge; with roots grown old in the earth, river beds run dry, and flowers withered in the field we wait for revival and release. Abide with us until we come alive in the sunrise of your glory. May this time of worship be a blessing to you and for us. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UM Hymnal 155

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!
C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above heaven and earth.

L: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God.

C: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in times of need.

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children's Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*
Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message followed by Junior Church dismissal Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD

Acts 8:26–40 Lay Reader: Bob Lee

*John 15:5–17

*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message Praying Like a Disciple Maker Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* UM Hymnal 560

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

Offertory *Sherekea Usafari* Wesley Ringers
(Celebrate the Journey)
By Cathy Moglebust

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

COMMISSIONING ADULT MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY

*Hymn of Parting *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UM Hymnal 127

*Benediction

Postlude *Andante Maestoso*
I Vow to Thee My Country - Gustav Holst
arr. by Keven McChesney
Wesley Ringers and Janet Guetle, organist

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:

Carol Moore & Sarah Hayes

Sound:

Jasmine Bayless

Ushers:

The Brooks Family & Sharon Mills

