

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude *Prelude in g minor*, J.S.Bach Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Rev. Christopher Liberati
Lord, nourish the soil of our lives with goodness, courage, hope and love that we may grow in your word and in your way. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UM Hymnal 694

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

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....
C: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....
C: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....
C: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

L: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!
C: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root. AMEN.

Invitation to Children Rev. Dale Sutton

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

Psalm 119:105–112 Lay Reader: Dave Dunnavant

*Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

Message *Which Soil Am I on?* Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UM Hymnal 454

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 *Be Still My Soul* Chancel Choir
Music by Jean Sibelius, Arr. by Benjamin Harlan

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

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* UM Hymnal 664

*Benediction

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Janet Guetle
arr. by Mark Thallander

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:

Max Heindl & Carol Moore

Sound:

Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

