

People: Forgive our tendency toward separation and division and remind us that we are your Easter people. All that are drawn together in holy fellowship through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord of all!

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

**All: Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Words of Assurance:
(Unison - Raise your hands to the Lord)**

Hosanna! We welcome our Lord! Hosanna! We welcome our Savior! Hosanna! Let us give thanks to the Glory of God! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Amen!

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

All: 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

Passing the Peace of Christ:

**Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.**

1st New Testament Lesson: Acts 4:32-35
2nd New Testament Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2
***Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31**
Sermon: “Weakness, Doubt, and Love”

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer: “Pray”

**All: Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;
Quiet our busy hearts, Pray, pray, pray.
Pray___, pray___, pray___.**

**Silent Prayer,
Pastoral Prayer**

Prayer of Our Savior: (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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

Invitation to the Offering:

Pastor: All that we have belongs to God. Celebrate our unity as a community of faith and lay our possessions at the altar [Lord's table]. Through the grace of God and the bounty of this church, we have the ability to share our gifts so that all may have what they need to live. We thank God for the opportunity to truly be in fellowship with one another and with the world through our offerings today.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music

***Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)**

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love.

***Hymn: "He Lives" #310 UMH (vs. 1&3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Go now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go to share your faith and your lives.

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***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

#327 UMH (vs. 1&4)

Call to Reconciliation:

Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

Pastor: God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. (pg. 3)

