

WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 18, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY'S SPECIAL OFFERING

Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy, Minster Sandy Knapp & Howard Gay

Music Leader: Carol Leith, Andrea Ackerson & Rosanne Alford

PLEASE PUT YOUR JOYS & CONCERNS IN THE CHAT BOX BEFORE SERVICE

9:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "Sacred Ground"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Face this new day, even when you aren't sure..

ALL: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Leader: Get ready for life, for life is all around.

ALL: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Leader: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of hope and set out anyway.

ALL: For we are called to dance again!

BY: Worship Design Studio

MUSIC "Lord of the Dance" UMH# 261

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – You set this world in motion and gave it life. Turn us to you when our steps are not sure. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

YOUNG AT HEART MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE I Hope You Dance

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**THE WORD OF THE GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

SERMON When Jesus Appears
 Rev. Effie McAvoy

MUSIC "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH # 304

CLOSING PRAYER