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10am EASTER SUNDAY

Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy, & Sandy Knapp

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Delbert Collins

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, You whose love endures forever, you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what. We praise you, for you are our strength and our salvation. We shall not die, but live, for you call us into the light– encouraging us to reach for the sun, unfurl our full colors, and know that we are held in the deep and rich soil of your garden– this is more than good enough for us! Amen.

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MUSIC “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” UMH# 302

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Leader:

Easter is tricky when it comes to faith. We come for the happy ending—the “and then they lived happily ever after.” The resurrection story proclaims hope over despair and life over death, yet we know that life continued, and continues for us, as a story of spiking heartbreak moments that are not forever fixed. The nature of being created for love is that we will always hunger for more, that there is never enough life and love to satisfy. And endings are often too soon. But perhaps a good enough faith is one that moves through the chronic nature of being incurably human with an eye for resurrection moments that assure us that this good enough life is worthy of our amazement. I invite you

imagine in this silence the deep seed and shoot that is growing within you, yearning for light and life.

Reflection Good Enough

Leader:

Hear this compassionate word from the prophet Isaiah: "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight." Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the fear of isolation and anguish at endings, inviting us to community and creativity for birthing new life— unexpected life, unending love. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

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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.

MUSIC "God's Love is Alive in Us Today" (Choir)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON **“ He Knows Your Name”**

Rev. Effie McAvoy

COMMUNION

Leader:

The Holy Living God be with you.

All:And also with you.

Leader:

Lift up your hearts!

All:We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All:It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
anytime and everywhere to give thanks to you.

You created this world full of so much beauty and sorrow and called it Good. And called it Enough. Although we feel lost at times, you are ever present. We doubt, resist, turn away, and rage, insistent on our own power to pull us through, and yet sure that we are to blame, making life seem like a confusing paradox. But you are patient. You are here to meet us—reside with us in strange and alienating times, always faithful, always present in this Body...

And so, together we proclaim the praise-filled truth of your glory along with all the saints:

All:Holy, holy, God of Hosts! Heav'n and earth sing out your name! Blest are they who come today; and take their place.

Leader:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He proclaimed freedom for the bound, justice for the oppressed,

grace for the lost, love for the prodigal. Through the life and ministry of Jesus, we can imagine and live into a community where all who struggle are taken into loving arms and those who struggle to love are invited into greater compassion.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so,

We remember...

We offer ourselves ...

We proclaim God's time...

All: Christ has died, yet Christ is ris'n; Christ will come once again!

We remember and proclaim redeeming love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us sustenance for our days, love for simple and ordinary lives, fuel for justice in this world. By your Spirit open us to each other. Open us to the world, making us one in you, through Christ, in the power of your amazing grace!

All: Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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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MUSIC “The Day Of Resurrection”

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CLOSING PRAYER

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Worship and Sunday School at 10:00 AM
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God’s spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**