



Eastern United Methodist Church

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Sunday, March 31st, 2018 4th Sunday In Lent UMCOR Sunday
10:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Curtis Pitts, Voices of Eastern Choir

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Donna Dodson, CLS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

While we wander far from home, the Father awaits our return.

I will get up and go to my Father and say, "Father, I have sinned and I am no longer fit to be called your child."

Our Father will welcome us home with open arms and celebrate our return, because we were lost but now we have been found.

Praise be to God, our merciful Father, who forgives our sins and restores us to wholeness. Amen.

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

Albert Davis, CLM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

Seth Ellis, CLS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Joan Sterlock

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Dodson

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Shout to the Lord" Keith Harmon

My Jesus, My Savior, Lord, there is none like You; all of my days

I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;

Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

**Please stand with heart or posture*

Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing; power and majesty, praise to the King; mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You. [Repeat]

MIME MINISTRY

Quinn White Sr. and Son

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Blake, Rev. Dodson

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY HYMN: FWS #2272 "Holy Ground"

Keith Harmon

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to help.

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

SERMONIC SELECTION

Curtis Pitts, Voices of Eastern Choir

THE WORD PREACHED

Rev. Blake, Rev. Dodson

INVITATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

*BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE

Keith Harmon

Thought for your journey: The spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. If God is for us, who can be against us?

**Please stand with heart or posture*

Scripture Lessons for April 7, 2019:

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4-14
- John 12:1-8

Resurrection East Cluster Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

4/3 – Faith Community UMC

4/10 – St. Matthew New Life UMC 416 E. 23rd St.

Good Friday The Seven Last Words of Christ

April 19, 12noon

Christ UMC 2005 E. Chase St.

Order forms for Easter flowers are available in the sacristy. Orders are due by April 7th.



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