



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, April 25, 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Donna Dodson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us gather to all whose lives would proclaim God's Glory!

**We open our hearts to God's presence and power.**

We surrender before God all that we are and do.

**With courage we will share God's presence with those around us.**

Then let us gather in song and praise for all the world to hear!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**O God, You so wonderfully open the hearts and minds of Your children. Touch us, Lord, that the eyes of our spirit might see more clearly the ways You would have us go and serve. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! AMEN.**

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p.6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2038 "Father, I Adore You"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

### **WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

PASTORAL PRAYER

### **WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O God, we do not present these offerings in order to proclaim our own righteousness, but as symbols of our love for you and your Church. Bless them we pray, and may they be as loving arms reaching out to show our love for your needy children. Amen

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

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

\*CLOSING HYMN: "God Is Good, All the Time" [Worship & Song #3026]

1. God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good, all the time. In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears, God is good God is good all the time.
2. God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good, all the time. When there's no one to share our despair, God is good God is good all the time.
3. God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good, all the time. When there's love to be found all around, God is good God is good all the time.
4. God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good, all the time. When our sorrows we bring let us sing, God is good God is good all the time.
5. God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good, all the time. As our thanks and our praise now we raise, God is good God is good all the time.

### **Scripture Lessons for May 2, 2021**

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22:25-31
- 1 John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

*We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.*

**Thought for your journey:** *'I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'* Jeremiah 29:11

Because God holds the future, you can face tomorrow.

***May worship services will be in the sanctuary.***

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Opening Hymn: UMH #419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Hymn of Preparation: FWS #2038 "Father, I Adore You"

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
2. Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.