



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, May 12, 2019 4th Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME John Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Lord, who cares about what happens in Boston, in Baltimore, and in Washington,

You make us managers of the earth and hold us responsible for our use of it.

This we know, all things are connected. Like the blood which unites one family, all things are connected.

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all. For we did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it.

All: Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves. Let us give thanks for the web and for the circle that connects us. Thanks be to God, the God of all. *[From a speech by Chief Seattle, Native American, 1800's]*

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

[Red Hymnal]

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS: **God of life, and love and joy: You spoke and then there was light. You spoke at the baptism of your Son, and you spoke to Saul on the roadside. Now, speak peace to my anxious heart and troubled mind. Speak forgiveness to my burdened spirit; and then speak direction to all of us who are lost. Keep me aware of your healing presence as I scurry to fix the situation by myself. Then, draw me closer to you. I pray all this in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.**

[Silent prayers for 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 THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

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

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH #176 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

[Red Hymnal]

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2272 "Holy Ground" *[Black Hymnal]*

SERMON:

Rev. J. L. McLellan

We are grateful for Pastor Jackie's presence with us today. Welcome home!

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" *[Red Hymnal]*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished, and the music is finished, then go to the Fellowship Hall to meet and greet one another.*

Thought for your journey: May we respect all life that God has made. May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us. *(Sue Ellen Herne, Mohawk)*

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Scripture Lessons for May 19, 2019:

- Acts 11:1-18
- Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
- John 13:31-35

This month we are collecting a special offering designated by the General Conf. of the United Methodist Church for ***Native American Ministries***. The proceeds go to promote uplifting programs for Native Americans in this area, as well as those across the country. Summer college interns at American University receive emergency help when needed; other funds provide newspapers and magazines to those Native Americans who are incarcerated. Please mark your check or envelope "Native American Ministries".

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