SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2024

Mission: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ's love thrives.

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

Stay Awake, Keep Ready

Orffestra

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist, Joanna Jebasingh

Liturgist: Welcome this day to the house of our God.

People: We are greeted in peace and in love.

Liturgist: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

People: We worship in hope and with grace.

Liturgist: Welcome this day to our community of faith,

People: Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Liturgist: Friends, let us worship God!

HYMN*

He Lives

UMH 310

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain: He Lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

- 2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. Refrain.
- 3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. Refrain.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:6-11

Rev. Jan Phillips

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nathan Heslink

CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist, Joanna Jebasingh

L: Lord in your mercy.

P: Hear our 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. And forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

ANTHEM We Walk by Faith Violinist, Bethany Reitsma & Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:24-29 Liturgist, Joanna Jebasingh But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So

the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

SERMON No Doubt Rev. Steve Jones

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HYMN* Thine be the Glory

UMH 308

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

- 2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. **Refrain.**
- **3.** No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain.**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

