



WELCOME

PRELUDE *God Gave to Us This Glorious Day*
arr. Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the rising of the morning sun,
the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming
of creation, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky,
the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days,
the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies that float above
us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us;
and with the calm of the Spirit within us,
the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Live!

OPENING HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices no. 304

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you call us to take on the holiness you have planted within us. In our worship this day, open our eyes and hearts to your movement that longs to make a home in us. So be it. Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* No. 191, vs 1

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

ANTHEM *We Believe* John Purifoy

Vocal Quartet

Emily Garbenis, Alix Kownurko,
Mike Muzzo, Steve Stouffer

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:24-29

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."

MESSAGE *Embodied Believing*

A LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREED

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace

**to be renewed in the image of our
Creator, that we may be one in divine
love for the world.**

Today is the day God cares for the integrity
of creation, wills the healing and wholeness
of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's
goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues
of humanity, delights in diversity and
difference, favors solidarity transforming
strangers into friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses
of starving people, despises growing
disparity between rich and poor, demands
justice for workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God deplores violence in
our homes and streets, rebukes the world's
warring madness, humbles the powerful
and lifts up the lowly.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and
peoples to live in peace, celebrates where
justice and mercy embrace, exults when
the wolf grazes with the lamb.

**And so shall we. Today is the day God
brings good news to the poor, proclaims
release to the captives, gives sight to the
blind, and sets the oppressed free.**

And so shall we.

PRAYER HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God no. 420

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

You may give your offering by text- Text
UMCWC \$50 to 73256, by using the QR
code on your screen, at umcwc.org,
through the mail, by automated giving
through Realm, or by dropping it off at our
office. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY

Prelude

Milan

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

no. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

He Lives

no. 310

BENEDICTION

May we go from this place to embody God's
love of all creation. May we rise like those with
wings. May we know the lightness of those
that swim. May we have the courage of the
four-leggeds. And may the Holy be embodied
in all our comings and goings, this day and
every day. Go in peace to love and serve.

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive

arr. Paxton

Bold text indicates congregational response.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer

Liturgists: Rev. Mercedes Case,
Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Valerie Burnett

Chancel Choir Director: Tom Sabatino

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,
Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith



ITEMS NEEDED

United Women in Faith are collecting

clothing, toiletries, baby items, and gift cards to support six regional agencies for this year's South District UWF Ingathering. Collection dates are April 6-30. Please see the flyer in the Gathering Area for the list of requested items and where to place them.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
May Celebration Dinner
TUESDAY, MAY 6
6:00 PM IN THE FIESTA CENTER
\$25 PER PERSON

CONTACT A UWF MEMBER OR
 EMAIL UMCWCUWF@GMAIL.COM
 TO MAKE A RESERVATION
 BY APRIL 28

UPCOMING

WORSHIP EVENTS

Please note the time change
 for several of these special services

CHILDREN'S DAY - May 18

Continental Breakfast at 9:00 AM

One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

GRADUATION SUNDAY - June 1

If you have a child graduating from high school, please start gathering pictures to send to Cory for the slide show

PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - June 8

One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

TRIVIA NIGHT II
 +
DESSERT BAR

Register as a Team of 8 (or less)
 or as individuals who will
 be assigned to a team.
 Cost is \$25 per person.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP
 FUNDRAISER**
SAT., MAY 10
7:00-9:00 PM
IN FIESTA CENTER

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 27

8:45 AM - Worship

10:00 AM - Sunday School

2 yrs - Grade-5 (4,5),
 Grades 6-12 (YR),
 Adults (Chapel, 7, 12)

11:00 AM - Worship Café

6:00 PM - El Buen Worship

Monday, April 28

7:00 PM - Disciple 4 (Zoom)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 PM - El Buen Men/
 Women

7:30 PM - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 29

1:00 PM - Sunshine
 Memory Café

Wednesday, April 30

7:30 AM - Men's Bible
 Study

9:30 AM - Women's
 Bible Study

5:45 PM - Wednesday
 Night Out

6:30 PM - Prayer

Journey Group

7:15 PM - Praise Band

Saturday, May 3

9:00 AM - United Women in
 Faith South District
 Ingathering

