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there is wonderful joy ahead!

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Welcome! We invite you to worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

APRIL 16, 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

He Lives

#310 UMH

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

People: Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."

Liturgist: Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshiping the idols all around us.

People: God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.

Liturgist: We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

People: We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways.

Liturgist: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

People: Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.

Liturgist: God shows us the path of life,

People: And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.

Liturgist: And so, we say to God,

People: "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Amen.

Children's Moment

Centering Song

More Precious Than Silver

#2065 TFWS

Scripture

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not

see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's 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 Reason Enough (*arr. Kirkland*) Friends in Faith

Scripture John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Message LIVING JOY Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory One More River (*Chambers*) Friends in Faith

Doxology—*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*

Dedication of Offering—**Lord, you have provided all that we need. All that we have is yours. Receive the tithes and offerings of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Closing Song Easter People Raise Your Voices #304 UMH

Blessing

Postlude

*Senior Pastor, Rev. Maria Campbell
Seminary Intern—Suyeol Bae
Worship Song Leader—Jacob Eppel
Pianist—Jenny Memmott
Organist—Margaret Cinotto*

Thank you to our liturgist, musicians, ushers, greeters & all volunteers helping in worship today

4.16.23 Worship Song Sheet

He Lives #310 UMH

Verse 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 asked me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Verse 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 – 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 asked me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Verse 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.

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More Precious Than Silver #2065 TFWS

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.

Easter People, Raise Your Voices #304 UMH

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.