

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday April 24th



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE An Easter Carillon, arr. by Margaret R. Tucker, United Handbell Choir with organist, Zac Ricker

*Song of Welcome: Gather Us In TFWS 2236 v I

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,
**But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,
**But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,
**But we have been called
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

~ written by Thom Schuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionarylitanies.blogspot.ca/>

Opening Hymn: TFWS 2115 Christ Has Risen

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, on the second Sunday of Easter,
the light of your love shines on!
Your light has come into the world,
And neither darkness, nor evil, nor even death itself
could overcome it.

And we (like Mary, like the disciples, like “doubting” Thomas)
who have been there with you
through Holy Week and the first Easter Morning
have been made witnesses to the resurrection story:
wondering,
bewildered,
hoping,
rejoicing....
and sometimes doubting.

It is not always easy to believe with our minds
and trust with our hearts.

Loving Christ,
Open the eyes of our faith
that we may behold the work of your redemption.
Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord:
your resurrection glory, your light everlasting.
May this time of worship, reflection and celebration
be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us.
Amen.

~ posted on **Literature & Liturgy**. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

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 now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Choir Anthem Easter Alleluia

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives.

LESSON I **Acts 5:27-32** CEB

²⁷ The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: ²⁸ "In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

²⁹ Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. ³² We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

John 10:1-18

CEB

1 I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. 2 The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. 5 They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice.” 6 Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. 7 So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest. 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13 He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

14 “I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

17 “This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE I am the Good Shepherd Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH #381

BENEDICTION
 Because He Lives, refrain only UMH #364

POSTLUDE