

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday May 1st



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Song of Welcome Gather Us In, vs. 1 TFWS #2236

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Siblings.

If you lift your net and it is empty,

Come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,

Come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning,

Come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, siblings!

To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

~ from *Feed My Lambs*, written by Rev. Quentin Chin. Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website. <http://uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14.pdf>

OPENING HYMN

He Lives

UMH #310

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

The blame forgotten,
shame covered,
Peter leapt into the sea.

Where tears once drowned hope
and denials became despair and self loathing,
now eyes had seen that figure on the shore,
that body once strung across the stained wood of execution.

A revived fishing business,
the dull depression of remembered cowardice,
of failed courage,
bad dreams of abandonment,
a deep sea of pain,
now splashed with new hope.

Peter would make it to the shore.

He is risen.

Peter is risen from the dead.

Three times denied.

Three times invited to love again
by him who three times prayed his own despair
and, three times mocked 'mid three crosses,
in three days rose to resurrect Peter.

Peter made it to the shore.

Others made it to the shore.

They ate together,
a fellowship of grace and rehabilitation,
of forgiveness and hope,

a symbol of the persistence of divine love,
also for you and me.

~ written by William Loader, and posted on **Bill Loader's Home**
Page. <http://wwwstaff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader/OnShore.htm>

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 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore UMH #344

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

Psalm 30 CEB

**I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up;
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.**

**2 Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help,
and you healed me.**

**3 Lord, you brought me up from the grave,
brought me back to life from among those going down to
the pit.**

**4 You who are faithful to the Lord,
sing praises to him;
give thanks to his holy name!**

**5 His anger lasts for only a second,
but his favor lasts a lifetime.**

**Weeping may stay all night,
but by morning, joy!**

**6 When I was comfortable, I said,
"I will never stumble."**

**7 Because it pleased you, Lord,
you made me a strong mountain.
But then you hid your presence.
I was terrified.**

**8 I cried out to you, Lord.
I begged my Lord for mercy:**

**9 "What is to be gained by my spilled blood,
by my going down into the pit?
Does dust thank you?
Does it proclaim your faithfulness?**

**10 Lord, listen and have mercy on me!
Lord, be my helper!"**

**11 You changed my mourning into dancing.
You took off my funeral clothes
and dressed me up in joy**

**12 so that my whole being
might sing praises to you and never stop.
Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

John 21:1-19

CEB

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing." They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No."

⁶ He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Some Things Bear Repeating" Nancy Hoffmann

HYMN Jesus Calls Us UMH #398

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE
 Because He Lives (refrain only) UMH #364

POSTLUDE