

April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Third Sunday of Easter and it is Native American Sunday. Today we continue in our missions to live the life that Jesus Christ would want us to as we travel through the season of Eastertide.

Free Lunch - April 20, 2026, 11:00-12:30 - No Main UMC

Food Pantry - April 20, 2026, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM - No Bible Study

April 26, 2026 - May-June News Letter items are due to Dorothy Holly

Mother's Day - May 10, 2026 - Gift Bags are due for Women in Christian Service, Domestic Violence Mission

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "God is Here" Pianist, Mavis Baldwin UMH 660

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Once again today, we gather in the light of the resurrection of Jesus. Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. Know that God's love is poured out for each of you every day. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

People: Sometimes discipleship puts too many demands on us. Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Leader: The Lord has heard your voice and the cries of your hearts.

People: Lord, bring us peace and healing. Give us continued hope this day.

Leader: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Leader: May our hearts and spirits rejoice in this day.

People: Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways. Let us bring our praises and joyful hearts to our Lord.

All: Lord, help us really be ready to receive you into our lives. Let us worship you in spirit and truth, in compassion and love.

GATHERING SONG "He Lives " UMH 310

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with others our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN (Second Sunday Offering from Last Week)

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "He is Lord" UMH 177

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "All in the April Evening" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our talents, and our very selves. In these actions and in our giving today, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing to our Church and our

