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Embodied Believing

2nd Sunday Of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

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

C: You are my children. Shine!

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

C: You are my children. Grow!

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

C: You are my children. Stand with strength! In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks: You are my children. Trust!

P: In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us

C: And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

P: You are my children. Live!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Opening Hymn – He Lives p. 310 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

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

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 118:14-29

**** L: Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L:¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C:¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

L: ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

C: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

L: ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

L: ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L: ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: ²³ This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

L: ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

C: ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn – Love Devine, All Loves Excelling. p. 384 UMH vv. 1, 3, & 4

New Testament Reading – John 20:19-31 (NRSVue)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ 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.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon – Embodied Believing

Closing Hymn - Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place
p. 328 UMH x2

Benediction & Commission

Lectionary Readings for Holy Week beginning April 28, 2025

Psalm 30 | Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) | Revelation 5:11-14 | John 21:1-19

Announcements

- Administrative Board members please stay after the service today for a very short five minute meeting.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

April Birthdays

Garry Harbin 2

John Seats 4

Susie Seats-Edwards 9

Jeremy Gearheart 10

Caroline Burton 11

Bradley Thompson 21

Ronnie Southern 23

Brad Collins 26

Sadie Disher 27

Annabel Parker Mark 28

Autumn Rayne Atkinson 28

Hugh McBride 30

Faye Seats 30

May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Nicholas McBride	13
Melissa Seats	1	Hayden Potts	18
Ashley Perryman	5	Linda Southern	19
Johnny Disher	6	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Frances Sisk	7	Natalie Gould	25
Connie Bolen	13	Melanie Perryman	26
Chelsea Manring	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!