

**Third Sunday after Easter**

**Order of Worship**

**Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 11am**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Centering Time** - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

**Opening Hymn** Lord I Lift your name on high **TFWS # 2088**

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

On this Sunday, we gather to remember who we are.

**We are the story of God's grace in this place.**

God's grace flows among us, guiding us to notice  
and participate in God's unfolding story of love in our midst.

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We have been part of spreading God's love in this community,  
rejoicing when we witness lives transformed,  
families nurtured, and neighbors caring for one another.

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Today may we celebrate all that God has done and continues to do in our midst  
as we remember and renew our commitment to take part in God's story in this place.

**We joyfully answer the call to live out God's story of grace in this place! Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

Miraculous God, come to us now. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. Make us ready to be of service to you. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

**Hymn** Christ has risen **TFWS # 2115** (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**Hymn** In Christ alone

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 4:17-23

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

**Message:** Are You a Disciple?

**Hymn of Response**

Great is thy faithfulness **UMH # 140**

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE**

**\*Doxology**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Our LORD we faithfully give witness to your work in this world by sharing these gifts and offerings. Thank you for providing us with the example of how to place courageously your call of discipleship into action. We pray that we may live each day according to your holy ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee **UMH # 89**

**\*Benediction**