



# First United Methodist Church

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***APRIL 11, 2021***

***SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER***

EASTER  
WORSHIP  
SERIES

**Unless I See**  
LIVING THE RESURRECTION



*\*Please stand in either body or spirit*

# *Order of Worship*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Jackie*

INTROIT

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Jackie*

It's the Sunday after Easter; the lilies are gone.

**And we are alone with our faith**

Thomas said: “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.”

**Easter is past, and we are alone with our faith.**

**On this Sunday after Easter, help us grow into the faith that we confessed and celebrated last week. Reveal evidence of your resurrection for the days when we feel that we are alone with our faith.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”*

*UMH 304*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 133*

*Pastor Jackie*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Pastor Jackie*

INTERCESSORY 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.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Holy God, we continue to hold on to the celebration and triumph of Easter. As we look back over the past year, we realize that many of us can identify with Thomas's doubt. "Can we be the church, the body of Christ, when we can't see the body gathered in our sanctuary?" Yet Christ has opened our eyes to his risen body that can't be confined by walls and is not diminished by precautions and social distance. As we make our gifts to you, we affirm the Resurrection power that we have seen, and so we say again, "Alleluia!" In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*"I Know He Lives"*

## \*DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*John 20:9-10, 24-31*

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## MORNING MESSAGE

*"Unless I See"*

*Pastor Jackie*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## \*SENDING HYMN

*"Open Our Eyes"*

*TFWS 2086*

## \*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Jesus said: "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am now sending you." He believes in you.

The busy world awaits your compassion.

**God believes in us.**

Sometimes you will give your best yet fail.

**God believes in us.**

At other times you will succeed in spite of your stumbling.

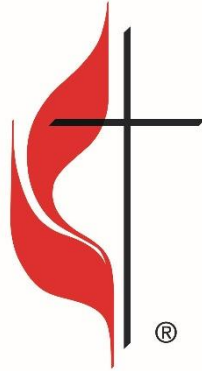
**God believes in us.**

Go gladly, daring to succeed or fail to the glory of God, and then at the very end, nothing shall dismay you.

**God believes in us**

**With Christ's own breath within us, we shall travel well.**

The help of the saving christ,  
the wisdom of the Living God,  
and the support of the loving Spirit,  
will be with you every step of the way, now and always.  
**Amen!**



## *Worship Leaders*

*Rev. Jackie Freeman*

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