



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 22, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

*(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*~from Matthew 18:20*

In whose name do we gather?

**In the name of the risen Christ who is Emmanuel, God with us.**

Do we gather alone?

**We gather together and Christ is here in our midst.**

\*OPENING HYMN    **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** (vs 1,2,3)

#327 UMH

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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**Surely, O God, your welcoming presence is with us, and your Spirit longs to lead us even to places we may not want to go. We thank you, Jesus, that you bring us from a mighty long way to your way of life, and hope, and peace. Even now, Triune God, breathe, speak, and en flesh your word among us, as we hear it read and preached, and as we ponder it in our own hearts. Then, stir us to get up, and do something about it. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 18:15-20;  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Mark 6:6b-13

CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Come Share the Feast"*

CHILDREN'S HYMN    **"Draw the Circle Wide"** (refrain twice)

#3154 W&S

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Sending a Surprise*

SERMON

*BAM! Called to BE Church!*

TIME OF REFLECTION

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE    ***"They'll Know We are Christians"*** (vs1,2,3)    #2223 FWS

### INVITATION

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.  
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.  
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.  
Come, old and young, there is room for all.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

*Congregation will respond with the hymn after each spoken verse.#2193 FWS*

Creator of all things, draw near to our beloved planet home,  
beautiful and battered, bountiful and misused.

Heal its waters, soul and air, and the life they sustain,  
Renew the face of the earth. Lord, hear our prayer,

***Lord, Listen to your children praying...***

Refuge of the weary, draw near to those displaced by poverty,  
calamity or those who are abandoned or forsaken,  
and all for whom home is not safe.

Shelter them in communities of compassion. Lord, hear our prayer,

***Lord, Listen to your children praying...***

Healer of humanity, draw near to those who suffer;  
those who bear pain or illness in body or mind,  
and those who live with addiction or abuse.

Heal the sick and make the broken whole. Lord, hear our prayer,

***Lord, Listen to your children praying...***

Source of comfort, draw near to the broken hearted,  
those who mourn their beloved, and all who sit in deep darkness.

Console and accompany them. Lord, hear our prayer,

***Lord, Listen to your children praying...***

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

***Lord, Listen to your children praying...***

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Triune God, **you have fed us** with the body and blood of Christ, **uniting us** with you, **filling us** with the power that raised Jesus from the dead. **Send us**, rejoicing, to declare boldly with Peter, in hearts, and hands, and voices, that in the name of Jesus, and by faith in his name, you **raise us** to new life in this life. **AMEN.**

## **WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Because He Lives"*

#364 UMH

\*BENEDICTION

~Nancy C. Townley

As you have been forgiven,  
now go into a world that needs your forgiving, healing touch.  
Bring peace and hope to others,  
sharing God's love with them. **AMEN.**

\*POSTLUDE