

United Methodist Church of Antioch

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

PRELUDE *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

THRESHOLD MOMENT

FIRST READING John 20:1-11

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and

reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

OPENING PRAYER

L: Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we have come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in ways that do not give life, that do not love us back. But as we come the Easter morning, weeping like Mary, you appear to us and you say

“Why are you weeping? For I am here, Love is here, Life is here. Arise, as I am arisen!”

P: **We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Alleluia! Amen!**

OPENING HYMN#302

Christ the Lord has Risen Today

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
(*The Message*, adapted)

L: Thank God because God is good, because God's love never quits. Tell the world, people, "God's love never quits."

P: God's love never quits!

L: I was right on the cliff-edge, ready to fall, when God grabbed and held me. God's my strength, God is also my song, and now God is my salvation. Tell the world, people, "God's love never quits."

P: God's love never quits!

L: Do you hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs in the camp of the saved? "The hand of God has turned the tide! The hand of God is raised in victory! The hand of God has turned the tide!" Tell the world, people, "God's love never quits."

P: God's love never quits!

L: We didn't die. We lived! And now we are telling the world what God did. God tested me, pushed me hard, but didn't hand me over to Death. Swing wide the city gates—the righteous gates! I'll walk right through and thank God! Tell the world, people, "God's love never quits."

P: God's love never quits!

L: Thank you for responding to us; you've truly become our salvation! The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone! This is God's work. We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it! This is the very day God acted—let's celebrate and be festive! Salvation now, God. Salvation now! Oh yes, God—a free and full life! Tell the world, people, "God's love never quits."

P: God's love never quits!

Reader: We take up where we left off, with Mary standing weeping outside the tomb...

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Love Wins

Rev. Katie Voigt

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

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.

OFFERTORY *Resurrection Medley*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, he is risen!" May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the

news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: May Love be with you!

P: And also, with you!

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord!

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise the name of Love and join their unending hymn:

[spoken]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[Sing vs. 1 of "All Who Hunger"]

All who hunger, gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is [love].

...And so, in remembrance of this love in Jesus Christ, we offer our love completely as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

[sing vs. 2 of “All Who Hunger”]

**All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is [love].**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

[Sing Vs. 3 of “All Who Hunger” with energy]

**All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is [love].**

COMMUNION SONGS *Red Hymnal*

#2260 *Let Us be Bread*

#2265 *Time Now to Gather*

#2268 *As We Gather at Your Table*

#2269 *Come, Share the Lord*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to be love as you are love. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NURTURING LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN #310** *He Lives*

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING** (Responsively)

L: Go forth into the world, looking for love
in all the right places!

**P: We will look for signs of Love, we will be acts of Love,
we will show the world that Love Always Wins!**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing” One License # A-739071

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday April 2, 2023:

8:00am -38

General Fund: \$9,750

10:30am -55

Building: \$130

Boiler: \$1,180

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Come see Stella, the baby sloth, on Wednesday April 12th from 4:30pm- 5:30pm. This fundraising event is being offered by the preschool. Bring your camera and take a picture next to Stella. UMCA preschool is asking for a \$10 cash donation per photo. You will **not** be able to hold or touch the sloth.

-Adult Book Study: We will resume reading *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin Diangelo. We'll meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month starting tomorrow, April 10. Thanks to all and please feel free to contact Mike DeBenedetto with your questions.

-**Skills2care:** Mon, April 17th 12-1pm CT

People with dementia can continue to live full, rich lives with the proper supports. Skills2Care is an evidence-based occupational therapy program that benefits both family and formal caregivers and the people with dementia they care for. Join us to learn more about how this program helps to improve the well-being and skills of caregivers, reduces challenging behaviors that sometimes occur, and can slow the decline in daily function for persons with dementia. To register, visit https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o0sI8jumSnuqTYSSEOupnw

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today Easter/Communion Sunday
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir, Sunday
School/9:15am
AA, 8-9pm/White Room
Private Event, 1-5pm/Kitchen/W. Hall
- Mon, April 10 Office Closed
UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Book Study, 6:30pm/W. Hall
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
- Tues, April 11 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
UMCAP Board Mtg, 2:15pm/W. Hall
Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/All Saints Rm
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Wed, April 12 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
UMCAP Sloth Fundraiser, 4:30-5:30pm
Finance Committee Mtg, 6:30pm, W. Hall
- Thur, April 13 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
PC Gatherings, 7pm/Zoom
- Fri, April 14 AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm;
8:30-9:30pm/White Room
- Sat, April 15 AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Sun, April 16 Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir, Sunday
School/9:15am
AA, 8-9pm/White Room

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

April 16

Greeters

8:00am

Vi Kluth

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Terry King

Dan Fluck

Ushers

8:00am

Jim Menzer

Bob Raukohl

10:30am

Jerry Topcik

Tom Kessell

Soundboard

8:00am

Walt Cichonski

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Chris Shannon

Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am

Mike DeBenedetto

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Carol Dunn

Phil Georgia

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Mike DeBenedetto

Dave & Dawn

Pat Metz

Vogel

10:30am

Phil & Nikki

Margaret Zaller

Georgia

Diane Lawrence

Church Openers

Bob Raukohl

Cichonskis

Communion

8:00am

Carol Cichonski

10:30am

Carol Dunn



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Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is April 15th for the May newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.