

ORDER OF WORSHIP - APRIL 28, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**  
arr. Dale Wood

Dr. James Humlong

INTROIT

**Come and See**  
Marilyn Houser Hamm

Chancel Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

Brothers and sisters,  
if you lift your net and it is empty,  
come here!  
**We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**  
If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,  
come here!  
**We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.**  
If your life is filled with mourning,  
come here!  
**Christ is leading a dance of joy.**  
Come here, sisters and brothers;  
**to give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

**\*HYMN 181**

Ye Servants of God

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Bishop Al Gwinn

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

Common Good  
Laura Gallaher, Executive Director

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Joan Wooden

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, save us from ourselves.

**We continue to do the same things over and over,  
expecting different results.**

Lord, save us from doing too much.

**We go fishing every day,  
not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.**

Lord, save us from doing too little.

**We say we love you,  
and yet so often we neglect your sheep.**

Lord, save us from ourselves.

**Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."**

**SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news:

Christ loves us unconditionally, never gives up on us,  
and never hesitates to say, "Follow me!"

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

**HYMN 349**

**Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Parker Outman

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

Chancel Choir

**Joy in the Morning**  
Natalie Sleeth

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**\*PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Catherine Gohrband

**John 21: 1-14**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" and because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

Bishop Al Gwinn

**"A Cookout for a Dropout"**

**\*HYMN 398**

**Jesus Calls Us**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

**Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals**  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*This morning's liturgy:*

**Call to Worship**– from *Feed My Lambs*, written by Rev. Quentin Chin.

Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website.

<http://uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14.pdf>

**Confession** - written by Rev. Nathan Decker.

Posted on the United Methodist Church's **General Board of Discipleship** website.

<http://www.gbod.org/>