

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *I Surrender All*, by Winfield S. Weeden Stacey Varner

Opening Prayer Liturgist: Cathy Yarman
God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Introit *What Does the Lord Require of You* Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

P: Worship God with gladness.

L: Come into God’s presence with singing.

P: We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.

L: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God’s holy name,

P: for God’s steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

*Gathering Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UM Hymnal 400

Invitation to Children

Children’s Song *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children’s Message Rev. Lauren Clawson

INTO THE WORD

Micah 6:6-8 Lay Reader: Gayle Keller

*Matthew 25:31-46

Response to the Word **Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me* Rev. Christopher Liberati

In response to God’s word, Gary Palm said, “Here I am, Lord, send me.” Therefore, in memory of his dedicated service to this church for 31 years as building supervisor and numerous years of volunteering at Hope Now Furniture bank as a toy maker, we dedicated the alter display today as our way of saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *When the Church of Jesus* UM Hymnal 592

Morning & Lord’s Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grows.

Offertory *Would I Have Answered When You Called* Chancel Choir

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Here I Am, Lord* UM Hymnal 593

Recognition of our Youth Intern-Logan Hines

*Benediction

Postlude *The Holy City*, by Stephen Adams Stacey Varner & Joe Jancura

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director: Mary Kepple

Sound: Jaedyn Bayless & Daniel Burson

Live Stream: Max Heindl & Carol Moore

Ushers: Rev. Lauren Clawson, Ken Grove, Shelley Coon

