

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*, arr. by Kevin Hildebrand Dr. Rebecca Abbott

Opening Prayer Liturgist: Rev. Dale Sutton
Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey; let them be our daily meditation and our study. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction. Train us in righteousness, grant us patience and persistence, and equip us for every good work. Inspire our faith and give us voices to proclaim your message. Guide our feet, keep us from every false way, for you alone speak the words of life. Amen.

Introit *Bless the Lord* Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

P: How wise are God’s commandments!

L: Through the Lord’s precepts, we gain understanding.

P: Through God’s wisdom, we find truth.

L: The Lord is our God; we are God’s people.

P: God’s word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

L: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

P: Amen!

*Gathering Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life* UM Hymnal 600

Invitation to Children

Children’s Song *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

Lyrics:

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

Children’s Message Beth Prince

INTO THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:14-17 Lay Reader: Gayle Keller

*Matthew 5:1-11

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

Message Study: The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention
Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UM Hymnal 453

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 *Come, You People Rise and Sing* by Kenneth Drake Chancel Choir

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Blessed Assurance* UM Hymnal 369
*Benediction

Postlude *Blessed Assurance*, arr. by Franklin Ritter Dr. Rebecca Abbott

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director: Mary Kepple

Sound: Jaedyn Bayless & Carol Moore

Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Morgan Mills

Ushers: Marge & Marshall Winkle, Larry Yarman, Susan Snyder

