

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

9:30 A.M.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday*



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA

Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor

Dr. Rex Enderlin, Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson, Organist & Youth/Children's Music Director

(Indicates standing if possible)*

WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us today! We invite you to come grow with us at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. If you do not have a church fellowship, we offer you ours. If you are a visitor today, please make yourself known to the pastor or an usher. You may find the Bible and Hymnals under the chairs.

Please turn off cell phones! Phones set on “vibrate” still interfere with our audio equipment and may cause feedback. Thank you!

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Karen

INTROIT: “God is Here” – William Penfro Rowlands

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has called us together as a faith community.

People: God wants to work as a team to make a difference in the world!

Leader: As we give of our time, talents, gifts and service, we plant seeds of hope.

People: The world is brighter because Christ’s light has entered our human story! Let us live as bearers of the Light!

***OPENING HYMN:** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

UMH #185

(Prayer cards will be collected at this time.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, we confess that we are often slow to hear Your call. When You call us to new pathways and new ministries, we cling to what is familiar. When You ask us to broaden our circle, we hold onto the intimacy of being with those we know well. Help us to find joy in getting to know new people and to be open to their ideas and inspiration. May we all be transformed together as You continue to build Your Church on earth, here and around the world. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” – Jamaican folk song

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

1 John 5:1-6 (pg. 1903)

John 15:9-17 (pg. 1677)

(Congregation Responds: *Thanks be to God!*)

***HYMN:** “For The Beauty of The Earth”

UMH # 92

SERMON: "Go Bear Fruit"

Pastor Karen Burger

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.

Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
Your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
Made covenant to be our sovereign God,

And spoke to us through your prophets.
And so, with your people on earth
And all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
To proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time
had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed
the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death,
and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery
to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the
Power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, gave it to His disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to the disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for
many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND OFFERING THE CUP

Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread that we break is a sharing in Christ's body.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ given for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS:

The Lord's table is open to all who wish to receive God's grace. There is one station. As you prepare to receive communion, please form a line as directed by the ushers. We offer both regular bread and Gluten-free wafers. Also, we commune with grape juice so that all, including children, can receive. Please receive the bread and the cup. (Take the cup with you; place it in the receptacle

near the organ, then you may return to your seat in prayer.) If you are unable to come forward, please inform the usher so that the elements may be brought to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

In the sharing of this Sacrament, we remember Your mighty acts on our behalf. In the sharing of this Sacrament, we are reminded of the heavenly banquet that You have gone on before to prepare for us. For all that You have done, are doing and will do for us, we give You thanks and praise. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELF

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH, #95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of flowering trees and singing birds, we are in awe of all You have created. All that we are given is a gift from You. We ask Your blessing upon these tithes and offerings that they might bring a Spring-like hope to those who need it most. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Go, Make of All Disciples” UMH # 571

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please use the microphone to be heard.)*

***RESOLUTION HYMN:** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
FWS # 2153

***POSTLUDE**

GOOD MORNING!

Welcome to Our Worship Service!

MINISTERS

All the People.

SERVING TODAY

Lectors: Diane Hatton & Bill Wahl
Communion Servers: Bill & Cheryle Otto
Ushers: Charles Bornschein and Keith Bowes
Greeter: Eileen Torraca
Today's coffee hour is served by the Trustees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Book Club will be meeting tomorrow, May 6th at 2:00. We will be discussing "The First Ladies."
- Please keep the evening of Thursday, May 9th available for assistance with setting up tables for the Spring Fair and Flower Sale.
- ***Confirmation Students:*** Please keep Saturday, May 11th available for assistance with whatever is needed for our Spring Fair and Flower Sale.
- Parking for our Spring Fair and Flower Sale – please use the overflow parking lot; parking will also be available across the street at Redefine.



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