

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP      Responsive

The Alpha and Omega says, "Come."

**Let everyone who hears come into God's presence.**

The tree of life says, "Come."

**Let those who seek eternal life come to the root and the descendent of David, our bright morning star.**

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

**Let everyone who is thirsty come to the heavenly banquet and drink from the wine of our salvation.**

Come! Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN**                      "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"                      **UMH # 348**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      Apostles' Creed                      **UMH # 881**

### OPENING PRAYER      Unison

**Alpha and Omega, you are the first and the last, the beginning and the end of all things. In you all things move and have their being. Be present in our time of worship, as you have been present in every moment of our lives. For your light dawns for the righteous, and your joy blesses the upright in heart. Stir our hearts within us, that we may feel the kinship we have with you and with one another. This we pray through the power of your Spirit and the radiance of the bright morning star. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON      Unison

**God of fire and lightning, Lord of thunder and storm, clouds and thick darkness surround you in glory. Despite our pretense of self-assurance, we feel insignificant in your presence. We yearn to have the courage of Paul and Silas, who spoke your truth to power, even**

**when it cost them their freedom. Somehow, fear always seems to hold us back. We long to fulfill Jesus' prayer that we may be one with you and each other. But our longing cannot overcome the divisions we cling to through our prejudices and our need to set ourselves apart. Forgive us, Holy One. Shake the heavens and awaken us from our dreams of separateness. For your light dawns on the righteous, and your joy comes to the upright in heart. Bless us with wisdom and truth, that we may be instruments of your grace and vehicles of your saving love. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Light has dawned upon us through Christ, our bright morning star. Walk in the light and know the joy of forgiveness, through the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING                      **Acts 16:25-30 (NRSV)**

- 25** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.
- 26** Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.
- 27** When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.
- 28** But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."
- 29** The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.
- 30** Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

**MESSAGE**                      **"Spiritual Earthquake"**                      **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

**RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN                      “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”                      **UMH # 133**

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

INVITATION

COMMUNION                      **UMH # 13**

THE LORD'S PRAYER                      **UMH # 895**

**OFFERING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      **UMH # 95**

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING                      Unison

**God of earthquake and lightning, break open the prisons of our fears,  
as you free our hearts to acts of loving generosity. Bless the gifts we  
offer you this day, that all may behold your glory in the love of your  
people. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN                      “God Will Take Care of You”                      **UMH # 130**

\*BENEDICTION                      Responsive

The one who invited us to come now sends us forth to share the light of the  
bright morning star with the world.

**We go forth from this place, but we never leave God’s presence.**

May the grace of the Lord be with us, as we seek to fulfill Christ’s hope that  
we may all be one.

**We go forth, empowered and strengthened, to love and serve as one  
people of God.**

**POSTLUDE**

\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.  
\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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