

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday April 24, 2022 – 11:00am



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Resignation
(Aaron David Miller)

Monica Adams, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Easter Alleluia

W&S #3088

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God's praises now sing, all of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun, life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
Shine in the faces of all of us here, fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
Wanting to see you in all that we do, we would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way, you are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword, fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alan Cook

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Clairières dans le ciel: 1. Elles était descendue au bas de la prairie*

(Lili Boulanger)

Nicole Ikeda, Soprano

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Cordes

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God 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.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Hymn Prelude on Hankey
(Robert Lehman)

Monica Adams, Organ

SUNG RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

W&S #3104

***Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.***

***'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.***

***My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.***

***The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.***

***My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.***

***The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rise, O Son of Righteousness
(Aaron David Miller)

Monica Adams, Organ

FLOWERS

***The altar flowers are given to celebrate the birthday today of "my sweet Mother",
Ginger Jacobs, by her daughter, Diane.***

***The Chancel Choir has this Sunday off.**

SERVING YOU TODAY

Mark Cordes, Senior Pastor
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
Alan Cook, Interim Director of Age Level Ministries

Ric Campero, Choir Director
David Campero, Media
Rupert Cooper, Audio