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"My Lord and my God!"

May 1, 2022

INVITE

Prelude

Grounding Moment ... "Let me see your scars"

Welcome & Announcements

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Standing in the light of Easter, let us confess the ways we cling to fear, hold onto anger and regret, and continue to look for life among the dead. (*silence*)

God of life,

Have mercy on us. We are afraid of loss and pain and it makes us mean. We have put our faith in our own strength, our own cleverness, and the power of violence. Made to share love, we have become stingy with our joy. Blessed to bless others, we have cursed our neighbors instead. Called to live in freedom, we remain captivated by death.

Have mercy on us. Raise us from our graves.

Receive the good news, beloved: Christ is risen and you are free. Jesus' love is larger and stronger and more enduring than any power in the universe.

In that power, and in the joyous light of Easter, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Live now according to the terms of resurrection. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God of New Life, you stood among the disciples and offered peace in the midst of chaos and fear. Stand among us in the same way, Lord Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit and bring peace to our lives and all of creation. Amen.

HYMN Holy Spirit, come with power HWB 26

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Readings from FMC Senior Youth Peace Essays through the years

IMAGINE

HYMN Be not afraid (on back of bulletin - from Voices Together Hymnal)

Children's Time

Scripture Reading John 2

John 20:19-31

Sermon

PRAY

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People with The Lord's PrayerL:Resurrected God,ALL:GRANT US NEW LIFE

RETURN

HYMN The Risen Christ (STS 101)

Benediction

Postlude... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship time follows worship, Sunday School classes begin at 11:00am

(Easter Season worship resources: created by WorshipWell, adapted for our use.)

Sound: Jay Gehring Livestream: Jonathan Wenger Nursery Attendant: Kevin and Tanya Martin Nisly Ushers: Jay and Stephanie Goering Guest Pianist: Eileen Porter Worship Leader: Maggie Goering Scripture Reader: Cheryl Warkentin Chlidren's Time: DeAnna Goering Peace Lamp & Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

WELCOME!! We are so glad you are here!

Coming up at FMC...

- TODAY Fundraiser Lunch following Sunday School
- May 11 WNAF Dinner (5:45) and Discussion (6:30) follow up to April 20 discussion re: resolutions @ MC USA assembly
- May 12 Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC)
- May 22 Recognition of High School graduates in worship
- May 28 FMC serves at Soup Kitchen
- May 29 5th Sunday: No Sunday School stay for Fellowship!