

Holy Communion Service
Third Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday

May 1, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Bold items are the congregation's part. * Stand if you are able

Meditation:

"In the story of life, the prologue and epilogue are written by God. Yet the plot has been given to us; therefore we should write the best prose we can." - James D. Maxon

Prelude: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

(Visitors/members please sign & date the red folder & pass it on. Please remember late comers.)

Introit: "An Easter Song of Praise"

***Call to Worship:** *(Rev. Delana Taylor, Cherokee, Ordained Deacon, OIMC, modified)*

Leader: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you live the life I have given to you?"

All: Like a still, deep pool in the desert, we will live in a way that reflects your love back onto your world.

Leader: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you walk this path I have given to you?"

All: Like the creatures of the forest, we will walk in a way that respects all life created by your hand.

Leader: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you reach out to the world beyond yourselves?"

All: Like the branches of a sapling tree, we will strive to reach beyond the safe and the familiar, touching the world in your name. Help us to remember we are all connected through the endless circle of life and creation. We are people of new life and resurrections, who long to walk a path of goodness and mercy, reaching beyond human differences and rising above the bleakness of human despair. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Thine Be the Glory" UMH #308

Opening Prayer: *(Rev. Jeff Ramsland, The Cherokee U. M.C in Cherokee, NC, modified)*

Lord Jesus, you spoke to the storm, saying "Peace, be still." This morning, as we gather in worship, speak to our hearts and spirits, saying "Peace, be still." As we rest in your presence, Lord, may all our storms grow quiet within us. Bring rest to our hearts, O Lord; may we feel like a leaf after a storm, when the wind is still. May we know both your presence and your peace; may you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving. Amen.

Special Music: "Be Still" M. McDonald

Children's Moment

***Hymn:** "Grace Greater than Our Sin" UMH #365
(No Chapel Kids Today Because of Communion Sunday.)

Pastoral Prayer, Joys & Concerns (Moment of Silence)

The Lord's Prayer & Prayer Response:

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.

Scripture Lesson: John 21:1-19 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 109-110

Sermon: "John's Epilogue"

Invitation to Offering and Prayer: *(Penelope J. Stokes)*

Leader: Christ conquers death and leads us into the path of life. let us live graciously and give generously, as God has given generously to us.

All: The gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess comes to us by the grace of God. may the gifts and offerings we will receive serve as a sign of our love and gratefulness. may they be used to further God's justice and love in the world. May we live in new life, and share that life with others. Amen.

Offertory: "In Your Footsteps" D. Forrest

Holy Communion & Blessing: *A United Methodist Native American Version (see insert)*

***Hymn:** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" TFWS #2238

Postlude: "Petite Marche Brilliante" B. Roe