# **Unity Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, May 4, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

**Choral Call to Worship** 

Welcome

**Call to Worship** 

L: With songs of gladness, let us stand before the Lord our God!

P: For the Lord is our strength and our redeemer, our one true hope!

L: Hear this good news! God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

P: We have come to know this God in the person of Jesus Christ!

L: Then let us worship this God of love and grace!

P: With gladness and adoration, we bow before our God and King!

+Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise

"Bless Be the Tie"

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we have not always lived the faith we have claimed, that it is easier to say that Jesus is our Lord than it is to be his disciple. We confess that we have declared our allegiance to him, but have stood at a safe distance from him. Forgive us, O God, and grant us your promised mercy, a mercy we have not deserved, but you have freely given. By your grace, make us new creations, that we might live not for self, but for you, not for self, but for neighbor, to the glory of your name. And now, in a moment of sacred silence, hear our own particular confessions, brought before your throne of grace. (Silence) Amen.

- +Assurance of Pardon
- + Passing the Peace

Our Life Together Announcements

Children's Message Anthem:

(Choir)

Service of the Word Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 53:1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: John 21:1-17

Sermon "A Second Chance"

Rev. Ed McLeod

Responding in Faith

+ Hymn of Adoration "Hallelujah, Thine The Glory"

+Affirmation of Faith

+The Apostles Creed

+ Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

**+Prayer of Dedication** 

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sending Out into the World

+ Hymn of Commitment "Chain Breaker"

+ Benediction

+Choral Benediction

Postlude

**Congregational Meeting** 

- + Please stand as you are able
- + Today we are "Live Streaming"

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story. Clip boards in Vestibule.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

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Our One Great Hour of Sharing collection was \$673.17

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