

First UMC  
A United Methodist Community  
In Moorestown, New Jersey  
"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."

April 25, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

There's Glory All Around

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tricia Trout, Worship Leader

Leader: We are called to be God's children.

**People: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

**People: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!**

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**People: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP:** ROMANS 16:19 (by Dale Garratt, et al) (1991 Scripture in Song)

**(Spoken)** Romans six-teen, nineteen says (repeat)

**(Sung)** "Be excellent at what is good, be innocent of evil; (repeat)

And the God of peace, will soon crush Satan, yes God will crush him underneath your feet."

(Repeat entire song)

**Third time (All Spoken)** Romans six-teen, nineteen says (repeat)

"Be excellent at what is good, be innocent of evil; (repeat)

And the God of peace, will soon crush Satan, underneath your feet." (Repeat last sentence)

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE (by Phil Wickham)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder, and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*(Chorus): This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that You would take my place  
that You would bear my cross. You lay down Your life that I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)* Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain worthy, worthy, worthy, Oh (*Chorus*) (2000-2014  
AZLyrics.com)

OUR GOD (by Redman, Myrin, Tomlin, Reeves)

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind. There's no one like you, none like you!  
Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise, there's no one like you, none like you!

*Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.*

*Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!*

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise, there's no one like you, there's none like  
You!

(chorus 2x's)

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could  
stand against. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against, then what could stand against. (repeat chorus 2x's)

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! (*Letssingit.com*)

**OPENING PRAYER** – We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then how easy it  
can be to sink back into old patterns of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can  
dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but how easy it can be to slip back  
into apathy or despair. How easy it can be to forget your call in our lives all the days of the year.  
Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the  
needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up,  
O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing on this day of resurrection! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing  
hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! Amen.

ABOVE ALL (by Paul Baloche, Lenny LeBlanc)

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all  
the ways of man, you were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's  
no way to measure what You're worth. Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected  
and alone; Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me above all.

(1999 *Integrity's Hosanna! Music*)

WHOM SHALL I FEAR (Chris Tomlin, Ed & Scott Cash)

You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.

Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet.

You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

*Chorus: I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind: the God of Angel Armies  
is always by my side! The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.*

*The God of Angel Armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in Your name, for you alone can save. You will deliver me. Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? *Chorus*

And nothing formed against me shall stand! You hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm holding  
on to Your promises; You are faithful, You are faithful. Nothing formed against me shall stand! You  
hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, You are  
faithful, you are faithful. *Chorus* (©2012 *Worship together Music*)

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** SEE HIS GLORY (*Words and music by Rich Cook*)

See His glory, see His glory, See His glory come down; Praise His name, heaven reigns,  
See his glory come down, see His glory come down. (1985 *Integrity's Hosanna!*  
*Music*)

## **CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 3:12-20

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites,<sup>[a]</sup> why do you wonder at this, or why  
do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of  
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his  
servant<sup>[b]</sup> Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had  
decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a  
murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this  
we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you  
see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> has given him this perfect health in the  
presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends,<sup>[d]</sup> I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God  
fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent  
therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so that times of refreshing may  
come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah<sup>[f]</sup> appointed for you, that  
is, Jesus,

## **MESSAGE**

Obstacles to the Resurrection

Pastor Tom Korkuch

**CLOSING SONG** TAKE MY LIFE (*by Scott Underwood*)

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.

Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.

Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.

Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me. So take my heart; conform it. Take my  
mind; transform it. Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Oh, so take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it. Take my will; conform it to Yours,

to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord. Yes, take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it. Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord. (1995 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing)

## **BENEDICTION**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...** If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Steve Heller, Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother).

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

**11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

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