



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Joseph Ehrenberger

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us come together all who know and love the living Lord!

For God so loved each one of us that Christ died on our behalf.

And Christ lives today and is with us wherever we might be.

Let us open our hearts and let the Lord's love reign in us forever!

And let our voices sing out with praise for God's mercy and grace.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #367 "He Touched Me"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, You have always been so faithful in Your promise to walk with us and be our guide in life. Lord, help us have the eyes to know Your presence and the ears to hear Your words of guidance. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (Traditional Native American Prayer)

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze:

We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen

We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36b-48

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2108 "O How He Loves You and Me"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O God, we do not present these offerings in order to proclaim our own righteousness, but as symbols of our love for you and your Church. Bless them we pray, and may they be as loving arms reaching out to show our love for your needy children. Amen

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

*CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2073 "Celebrate Love"

Thought for your journey: *Looking at those who sat around him, [Jesus] said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."* Mark 3:34-35

Spending time with your spiritual family will renew your faith.

Scripture Lessons for April 21,2024:

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

Native American Ministries Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday is one of the six special church-wide Sunday offerings. Through the Native American Ministries Sunday Offering, the General Board of Global Ministries provides grant funding for strengthening and development of ministries with Native Americans in annual conferences and target cities of the Native American Ministry program of Global Ministries. Grants are provided to assist local congregations and annual conferences to live into the four focus areas of ministries adopted at the 2008 General Conference. Grants can be used for outreach and community ministries, revitalization and discipleship formation, salary supplement, and building repairs and expansions.

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