

Sunday, April 18, 2021 [www.gilbertcommunityumc.org](http://www.gilbertcommunityumc.org)

“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are planning on making 120 Hygiene kits this spring and we need \$1.00 for each kit for toothpaste and \$1.00 for each kit for shipping. Please be willing to donate to this mission. Leave checks in the offering plate marked Hygiene kits or give monies to DeEtta and let her know what it is for.

Next Sunday, April 25th is Noisy Offering... Come with all your change to make lots of noise!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we are confused,

People: **Lord, give us peace.**

Leader: When we are afraid,

People: **Lord, give us peace.**

Leader: When we are lost in grief,

People: **Lord, give us peace.**

**All: O God, meet us in this room and grant us peace!**

OPENING HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## OPENING PRAYER

**Come to us, God, for we are waiting; waiting and hoping that your word of peace will soothe our fearful and doubting souls. Open our hearts to the message you would share with us today through song, prayer and meditation that our souls might reach out, touch you and believe. Help us claim our identity as your beloved children. Help us live into this identity, today and always, that we might radiate your love to others. Come beloved One, we are here to listen and be transformed. AMEN**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall**

**into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. AMEN**

PSALM READING: Psalm 4 (read responsively – page 741 UMH)

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent prayers...

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and ever. AMEN**

HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-48

MESSAGE Pastor Mary Lou

HYMN: He Touched Me

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN**

Please leave your offering in the plate on the stand as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Mighty God who brings life and hope out of our death and despair, help us hear the invitation Christ offered to the disciples, “Touch me and see!” Make us bold to grab hold of the risen Christ – not for this day but for all our days. May we offer our gifts this morning not to the church historical – the church that was – but to a church that is becoming, that is still being born, that Christ will bring into the future. May our eyes and ears and hearts continue to hold on to him as we help Christ lead his church forward! In his name, we pray. AMEN**

BENEDICTION

HYMN: More Like You

POSTLUDE