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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SILENT MEDITATION: "We cannot make ourselves into children. We can be turned into children only when we are willing to be vulnerable in our personhood enough to *need* to be carried by another." --Andrew Root

GATHERING MUSIC GREETING

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

Traditional Shaker Melody

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 626 "The Lily of the Valley"

SALVATIONIST

I have found a friend in Jesus - He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;
He tells me every care on Him to roll.

Refrain: He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star;
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He all my griefs has taken and all my sorrows borne.
In temptation He's my strong and mighty Tow'r;
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn
From my heart, and now He keeps me by His pow'r.
Though all the world forsake me and Satan tempt me sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal. [Refrain]

He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear.
With His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory to see His blessed face,
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll. [Refrain]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we turn aside from the challenges of change...

All: The Risen Lord stands waiting to welcome us.

One: When we are exhausted from unproductive efforts...

All: The Risen Lord encourages us to keep trying.

One: When we are uncertain if we will be fully accepted...

All: The Risen Lord invites us to follow him.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “Goodnight, My Angel”

Billy Joel

***CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Gracious God, you have richly blessed our lives. We bring these gifts as an act of thanks, praise and commitment to you. By the power of your Spirit, bless all that is offered. May these gifts extend love in the form of compassionate ministry to the needs of others. May you take pleasure in the offerings we make of who we are and what we have. May your Spirit continue to guide and empower us for your appointed purpose. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 743 “Wonderful Peace”**

WONDERFUL PEACE

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight

Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;

In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls

O'er my soul like an infinite calm.

Refrain: Peace! peace! wonderful peace, Coming down from the Father above;
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray, In fathomless billows of love.

What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace,

Buried deep in the heart of my soul;

So secure that no power can mine it away,

While the years of eternity roll. [Refrain]

I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,

Resting sweetly in Jesus' control;

For I'm kept from all danger by night and by day,

Now His glory is flooding my soul. [Refrain]

And I know when I rise to that city of peace,

Where the Author of peace I shall see,

That one of the anthems the ransomed will sing,

In that heavenly kingdom shall be: [Refrain]

O soul, are you here without comfort or rest,

Walking down the rough pathway of time?

Make Jesus your friend ere the shadows grow dark;

O accept this sweet peace so sublime. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Tune: “St. Kevin” Arthur S. Sullivan

The Liturgist is Tiffany Alger-Trussell.

Thank you to John Kritos for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TACOS AT THE TERRACE

Saturday, May 2nd, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Agape House at Blue Springs Terrace
312 SW 19th St Terr, Blue Springs, MO
Donations Accepted

Blue Springs Terrace is a residential retirement community for clergy of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

LIVING MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Living Memorial Committee will meet May 3rd, following worship.

SHARING TABLE

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. There are Bibles and some old hymnals available if you would like to take one or even more.



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

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