

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024 – 10:30am

## **Order of Worship**

### **The Community Gathers**

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~ Rev. Allison Mark

Trust God. Trust the miracles you have known. Trust the miracle you can be.

Opening Hymn\* - *“He Lives” UMH 310* Angela Gricar

### **Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship**

**Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-** Cheryl Nakata

L: Turn to Christ,

**P: who calls us here.**

L: Place your trust in God,

**P: who protects our lives.**

L: Lean into Spirit,

**P: as we worship in Spirit and truth.**

**Opening Prayer** Cheryl Nakata

God of miracles and truth, bless us, as we gather for worship, with the power of your Holy Spirit. Reveal your presence in our midst and open our hearts and minds to receive your miraculous love. Strengthen our faith this day, that we may go forth as witnesses of your miraculous love. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All) Rev. Allison Mark

### **The Word of God for the people of God**

Congregational Hymn – *“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” UMH 142* Angela Gricar

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 4 Cheryl Nakata

Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God! Set me free from my troubles! Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer! <sup>2</sup>How long, you people, will my reputation be insulted? How long will you

continue to love what is worthless and go after lies? *Selah* <sup>3</sup> Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful. The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him. <sup>4</sup> So be afraid, and don't sin! Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it! *Selah* <sup>5</sup> Bring righteous offerings, and trust the Lord! <sup>6</sup> Many people say, "We can't find goodness anywhere. The light of your face has left us, Lord!" <sup>7</sup> But you have filled my heart with more joy than when their wheat and wine are everywhere! <sup>8</sup> I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

L: The Word of God for all people

**P: Thanks be to God**

Special Music – *"Living Hope"*

Crossroads

Sermon: ~ "How Long...?"

Rev. Allison Mark & Adam Manasra

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

### **We Respond to God's grace**

Offering Our Gifts ~

Rev. Allison Mark

Doxology\* *"Ye Watchers and Ye Hold Ones" UMH 90*

Angela Gricar

**\*Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Cheryl Nakata

Generous God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your abundant love and your life-giving grace. Bless us as we bear witness to your love and grace in all that we say, all that we give, and all that we do. Amen.

### **Going Forth in God's Holy Name**

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Rev. Allison Mark

Closing Hymn\* ~ *"God of Grace, and God of Glory" UMH 577*

Angela Gricar

Commission and Blessings \* -

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace\* - Postlude