Fruitland and Payette United Methodist Churches

Third Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

*Welcoming the Light of Christ*

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Responsive Reading from Psalm 116**

Leader: I love the Lord, because has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**People: Then I called on the Lord; “O Lord, I pray, save my life.”**

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**All: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

**Calling Song “I Come With Joy” UMH #617**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,**

**In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,**

**His life laid down for me.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.**

**The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,**

**And strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence, always near,**

**Is in such friendship better know; we see and praise him here,**

**We see and praise him here.**

**Unison Invocation**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of salvation**

**and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**

**We pray in our Redeemer’s name. Amen.**

**Hymn “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH #133**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***Refrain***

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;**

**Leaning, leaning; leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**O how bright the path grows from day to day,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***Refrain***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms?**

**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***Refrain***

First New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

Second New Testament Reading Acts 2:14a, 33-41

God’s Word for God’s people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Offering our gifts and tithes**

**Offering prayer: Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Chorus “Lord of the Dance” UMH #261**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,**

**And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,**

**And I came down from heaven and I dance on the earth,**

**At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Refrain***

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,**

**And I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,**

**But they would not dance and they would not follow me;**

**I danced for the fishermen for James and John;**

**They came to me and the dance went on.**

***Refrain***

**I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;**

**It’s hard to dance with the devil on your back;**

**They buried my body and thought I’d gone,**

**But I am the dance and I still go on.**

***Refrain***

**They cut me down and I leapt up high,**

**I am the life that will never, never die;**

**I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance said he.**

***Refrain***

Prayers of the People

Message “He Was At the Table with Them” Luke 24:13-35

**\*Commitment Hymn “Spirit Song” UMH #347**

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,**

**Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove**

**Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song with gladness**

**as your hearts are filled with joy.**

**Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.**

**O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name.**

**Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**Benediction**

**May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you wherever he may send you.**

**May he guide you through the wilderness,**

**protect you through the storm.**

**May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.**

**May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**