

**WELCOME! We're Glad You're Here!**

\* Indicates Standing

**LITURGIST:** Pastor Uche

## **PRELUDE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (UMC Discipleship)**

L: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**P: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

L: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**P: Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

L: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**P: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" UMH 312

**OPENING PRAYER**

Yvonne Francis

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** (*in unison*): God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to

redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

## **WELCOME & GREETINGS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:** *Let us greet each other with signs of love and peace: "The Peace of the Lord Jesus be with you."*

**\*PSALTER** Psalm 16 UMH 748 Sis. Makheyyla Springer

**FIRST READING** Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Bro. Robert Brown

## **JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

**P: Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, The prejudice that impedes us, The ignorance that hinders us, The doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, Move to those places where love is needed, And have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! Alleluia! **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\*GOSPEL READING**     John 20: 19-31     Sis. Brittany Dixon

**\*SERMONIC HYMN**     "Thine Be the Glory"     UMH 308

**MESSAGE**     "Believe!"     Rev. Dr. Chinma Uche

## PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**\*DOXOLOGY**     UMH 95

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.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us in our doubts and call us to trust. Accept these gifts as signs of our faith. Use them to bring hope and healing, and shape us into a community of love. In Christ, who gives us peace, we pray. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"He Rose"

UMH 316

**\*BENEDICTION**

Welcome to

Bloomfield  United Methodist Church  
Sharing the Abundant Life in Christ

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

*He is not here*  
**HE IS RISEN**

April 12, 2026

11:00am



**REV. DR. CHINMA UCHE**

Saleena Bascomb - Music Director

Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton - Resident Bishop

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair - District Superintendent

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