

Memorial United Methodist Church At-Home Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

I'm so glad you're taking this opportunity to participate in worship with us. While we are not gathering in the sanctuary, I trust and believe, we are gathered together with God in spirit and in truth.

—*Pastor Cathy Rafferty*

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Prayer

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Risen Christ, you come to us out of an empty tomb, through locked doors, in the breaking of bread, in our daily routines, and in our gathering to worship. In this time together, may our praise and prayers, our music, and our musing, draw us nearer to you, to one another, and to the life and ministries to which you are calling us. Amen.

Music to Center Ourselves: *Victory*

Kathy Young

We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Gospel: John 21:1-14 (NRSV)

Susan Lagina

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Message for Today: "Going Home"

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Responding in Song: *He Lives* (UMH 310)

I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him,
he's always near.

Refrain: He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Debbie Hubbard

In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last.
Refrain.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
The help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
Refrain.

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Offering Our Prayers and The 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, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing:

May you be caught in the steadfast love of God, may you be fed by the living Word of God, and may you be sent with the resilient Spirit of God to serve our hurting world today. Amen.

To prayerful ponder or discuss:

- What comes to mind for you when you think of going home?
- Draw a picture of the home you live in now. Draw a picture of what the home where Jesus lives with you would look like.
- Name one thing you are missing that you had or could do last year. Name something else you're glad you don't have or don't have to do anymore.
- The disciples went fishing. What do you do to feel "normal"? What activities or routines give your life purpose or meaning?
- What kind of family, or church, or community do you want to live into going forward?