

**Traditional Order of Worship**  
**April 16, 2023**  
**Worship Series: Rise Up**  
**Message: Belief**

**Prelude** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* **June Shuffett**

**Welcome/Announcements** **Rev. Melissa Porter Miller**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

**Pastor: We have not seen the risen Christ,**

**People: but we see Him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

**Pastor: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,**

**People: but we have seen Him in the faces  
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

**Pastor: We have not touched the wounds  
from the cross,**

**People: but we have been called to bring healing  
to the scarred of the world.**

**\*Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **UMH 327**

**\*Opening Prayer** **Rev. Melissa Porter Miller**

**Pastor: Let us pray**

**People: Lord of Resurrection surprises,  
open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Erase our excuses for unbelief,  
and exchange them for strong witness  
to the power of Your mercy and love.  
Give us courage and challenge us  
to walk the path of discipleship,  
knowing that Jesus goes before us,  
leading and guiding our steps.  
In His name, we pray. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment**

**Linda Biscardo**

**Prayers of People****Rev. Melissa Porter Miller****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,  
 And the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

**Offering***Oh Jesus, I Have Promised***Evelyn Lucas****\*Doxology****UMH 95**

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!  
 Praise Him all creatures here below!  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving****Gospel Reading****John 20: 24-29****Kathy Henry****\*Hymn***How Firm a Foundation***UMH 529****Message***Belief***Rev. Melissa Porter Miller****\*Affirmation of Faith****Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;**

