

Traditional Order of Worship  
April 14, 2024  
Worship Series: Draw the Circle Wide  
Message: Ripples of God's Likeness  
\*Stand in body or in spirit  
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Cantor: Karen Ingle

Prelude *Because He Lives* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: We come together, seeking a common vision:

**People: to be God's compassion on earth.**

Pastor: We come together, singing a common song:

**People: to share God's love with all people.**

Pastor: We come together, telling a common story:

**People: to retell God's story of grace.**

Pastor: God has drawn the circle wide,

**People: telling Creation that we are one in the Risen Christ.**

**\*Hymn** *Christ is Risen* UMH 307

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

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Holy God,**  
We thank You for calling us together  
as a people seeking to live out Your love and peace  
with a world that is hurting.  
We thank You that You have drawn the circle wide.  
Remind us that Your love  
is too generous and expansive for us to contain.  
It is intended for all people, including each one of us.  
Empower us as Your Easter people  
that we too might share  
such an expansive and inclusive love with others;  
through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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 *We Bow Down/Great is the Lord* Bells of Praise

**\*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** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading Acts 13: 1-3; 14: 8-18 Kathy Henry

**\*Hymn** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* UMH 521

Message *Ripples of God's Likeness* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Hymn** *He Lives* UMH 310

**\*Benediction** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *This Joyful Eastertide* June Shuffett