

Sunday Worship  
May 16, 2021

**Eastminster Welcome-** Rev. Kristin Stroble

**Prelude** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**UKirk Welcome-**Neil Myer

**Call to Worship:**

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Today, this very day, is a gift.

A gift from God.

The gift of time. Time for all things.

Let us worship God whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Hymn #250** (GTG) "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

**Call to Confession**

If we pretend that we have it all together and haven't done anything wrong, we are delusional. We're not fooling God. But if we are honest and vulnerable, then God will be gracious and forgive us. Not only that, God will work on the inside to transform us so we might transform the world. As God's people, let us be honest about ourselves as we confess together.

**Prayer of Confession**

***Lord of all creation, you have called us each by name. We are yours, and yet, what is yours is not ours. We seek control where we have none. We mock your work because we're too lazy to pick up after ourselves. We neglect our covenant with you. We ignore your Word. Grant us your grace and peace in the midst of our brokenness. Forgive us, O Lord.***

(Silent prayer)

***Help us to trust more in you and your timing. Guide us to be good stewards of your creation. Teach us to delight in your promises to us. Amen.***

### **Declaration of God's Grace**

We have confessed our sins. Now, close your eyes and take a moment to picture the empty tomb. (Pause a few seconds for reflection.) As you reflect, remember: Jesus was taken to the tomb. His body was laid there. The grave sealed shut. Yet the stone was rolled away. The burial cloth was left inside. The angels said, "He is risen." For us. For the world. The empty tomb. It is the symbol of divine love. It is the reminder of God's grace and unending forgiveness. We are free. We are reclaimed. We are forgiven. Amen!

### **Congregational Response #447 We Are Forgiven**

### **Passing of the Peace**

*Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."*

### **Minute for Mission UKirk at Michigan State**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

### **Reflections**

### **Special Music Jesus You're the Center of My Joy**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **Pastoral Prayer/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 debts as we forgive our debtors 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**

### **Hymn #23 (GTG) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

UKirk Campus Minister: Neil Myer

Liturgists and Reflections: UKirk at Michigan State students

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Special Music: Allen Roberts II

Accompanist: Elnora Bryant

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Video Producer: Heather Myer