

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

*A Time of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Lift up your voices as we come to worship.*

**PEOPLE: God hears the voices of the faithful.**

*Leader: Sing praise to the Risen Savior!*

**PEOPLE: Christ's name is worthy of praise!**

*Leader: Turn now to God in this quiet time and holy place.*

**PEOPLE: God awaits us here!**

\*OPENING HYMN *This is My Father's World* # 144

UNISON PRAYER God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our inheritance through the Living Christ. Clear our vision, Holy One, that we may see the promise of Easter in the stirrings of this precious earth. Help us to find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the Risen Christ. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 23 (response # 1) # 754

*Act of Confession and Pardon*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: Merciful God, you come offering us peace,*

**PEOPLE: but we hold onto our fears;**

*Leader: You come offering us faith,*

**PEOPLE: but we cling to our doubts;**

*Leader: You come offering us a future filled with promise,*

**PEOPLE: but we retreat to pleasant memories of the past.**

*Leader: We want to see ourselves as you see us.*

**PEOPLE: We want to live as you would have us live.**

*Leader: Help our unbelief, O God, that we may truly know and live your gift of resurrection. Amen.*

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Leader: The inheritance that God promises us is imperishable undefiled, and unfading. Even when we consumed by doubt, God is always faithful.*

**PEOPLE: Even when we lose our way, God is able to find us and bring us home. Thanks be to God!**

*Hearing God's Word*

EPISTLE READING Acts 9.36-43 (pg. 128)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING Revelation 7.9-17 (pg. 249)

GOSPEL READING John 10.22-39 (pg. 104)

SERMON *The Lord is My Shepherd*

\*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* # 369

## *Responding To God's Word*

### A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer  
Mother's Day Litany (insert)  
The Lord's Prayer  
Choral Prayer Response

# 895

### RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory and \*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

# 95

\*CLOSING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

# 384

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: Through Christ, God has given us a new birth and a living hope,*

**PEOPLE: For life is stronger than death,**

*Leader: love is stronger than hate,*

**PEOPLE: joy is stronger than sorrow,**

*Leader: And the promises of God are sure! Go forth!*

SUNG BENEDICTION *Grace Alone* (vs 1)

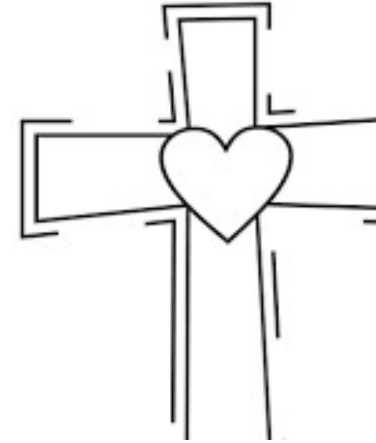
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### \*POSTLUDE

#### Today's Worship Leaders

Judy Rathbun, Lay Reader  
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager  
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

## *Boldly Caring for our Community*



## *Grounded in God's Love*

Lisbon United Methodist Church  
welcomes, nurtures, and serves  
all people  
with the love of Christ.