

ORDER OF WORSHIP - April 19, 2020

Gathering Thoughts:

"Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:28

Prelude

Sharon Lehr

Call to Worship: *(Psalm 16:5-8 edited)*

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

People: I have a goodly heritage.

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

People: in the night also my heart instructs me.

Leader: I keep the LORD always before me;

People: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Unison Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

God calls us to worship, and we come! Some with laughter and songs of joy. Some from a sense of obligation or habit. Some with hearts heavy with grief. Some with distraction or exhaustion. Some with eagerness or enthusiasm. Some with stress, loneliness or depression. God calls us to worship, and we come! As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

Opening Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" UM Hymnal # 303

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon: **"Tested by Fire"** Pastor Kent Jackson

Special Music "You Can Never Hold Back Spring" by Tim Waits Performed by Sharon Lehr

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "He Lives" UM Hymnal # 310

Benediction

Postlude Sharon Lehr