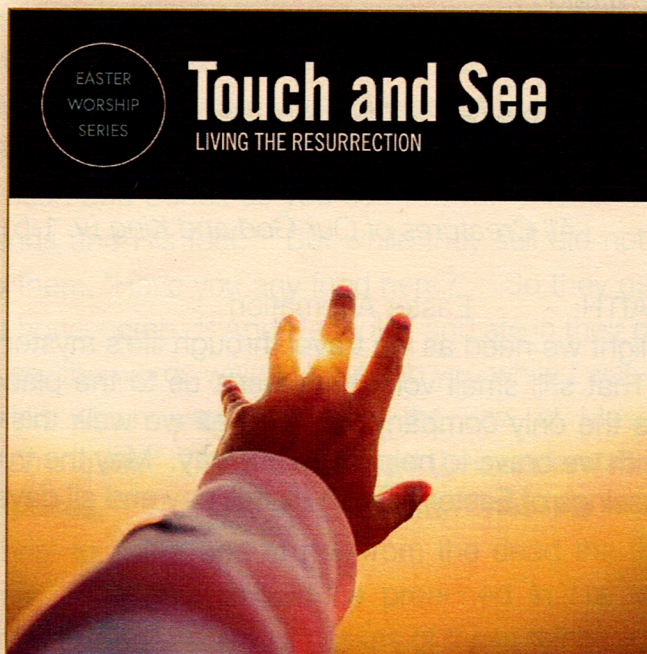




*“A Lighthouse Guiding  
People to Christ”*



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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN  
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS  
WELCOMING OF GUESTS  
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP / CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Liturgist

Congregation: Lord, give us peace.

*Liturgist: When we are afraid*

Congregation: Lord, give us peace.

*Liturgist: When we are lost in grief*

Congregation: Lord, give us peace.

*All: O God, meet us in this room and grant us peace!*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (v. 1-5)

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Easter Affirmation

Liturgist

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Your word is the only voice we hear. That still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship is the warmth we crave to help us on our way. May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter, and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen

\*GLORIA PATRI

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 4:1-8 (NKJV)

Liturgist

1 To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in *my* distress; Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.<sup>2</sup> How long, O you sons of men, *Will you turn* my glory to shame? *How long* will you love worthlessness *And* seek falsehood? Selah<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.<sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah<sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.<sup>6</sup> *There are* many who say, "Who will show us *any* good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.<sup>8</sup> I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God, we serve a risen Savior. He is alive! Help us to be witnesses of what He has done in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 24:36b-48 (NKJV) insert

Liturgist

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" <sup>42</sup> So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And He took *it* and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> "And you are witnesses of these things:

## SERMON ANTHEM

*Listen to Your Children Praying*

Choir

## MISSION MOMENT

## PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Abide with Me* (v. 1-5)

UMH #700

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Living The Resurrection

Theme: Touch and See

Purpose: What can we provide, what hands-on proof can we give that Jesus is alive among us?

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Based on Luke 24:36-48)

Mighty God who brings life and hope out of death and despair, help us hear the invitation Christ offered to the disciples, "Touch me and see!" Make us bold to grab hold of the risen Christ – not for this day but for all our days. May we offer our gifts this morning not to the church historical—the church that was—but to a church that is becoming, that is still being born, that Christ will bring into the future. May our eyes and ears and hearts continue to hold on to him as we help Christ lead his church forward! In his name, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

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\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*Because He Lives* (v. 1-3)

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\*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

*Go now as God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation. And may God raise you from all that would entomb you; May Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you; And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good. Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord, . . . In the name of Christ. Amen.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Love and Fellowship*

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POSTLUDE