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After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost
Waiting for the Promise

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME OF GUEST

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PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by John 17:6-19, Acts 1:15-17, 2126)

Liturgist: Our gracious, eternal God, we thank you for the challenges which life brings. **Congregation: Be with us in such times in our Christian community.**

Liturgist: Like the early disciples help us in our common life to find your guidance in our collective decisions.

Congregation: Help us to approach our decisions seeking your guidance through prayer.

Liturgist: Help us to examine our own hearts for any unseemly motives.

Congregation: Help us to focus on the common good and not be driven by our own selfish interests.

Liturgist: Help us to seek consensus and never be satisfied with power plays and divisiveness. **Congregation: Help us all to share in our mutual ministry.**

Liturgist: Lead us forward and help us to create a community where love, acceptance, and mutuality are expressed, where joy abounds, and where results are achieved because we are all working hand in hand together.

Congregation: May it be said of us as it was said of old: "See how those Christians love one another."

*HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory (v. 1-3)

UMH #98

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Easter Affirmation

Liturgist

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Word 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 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

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 69:25 & Psalm 109:8

Liturgist

Psalm 69:25 Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents.

Psalm 109:8 Let his days be few; And let another take his office.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

**Please stand as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the freedom we enjoy. We are thankful for those who paid the price for that freedom, but even more importantly, we thank You for the freedom we have because Jesus was willing to pay the price for our sin. In Jesus' name, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:12-26 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; chairesmc.office@gmail.com 17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." 18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.' 21 "Therefore, of these men

who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 "beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 "to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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MISSION MOMENT

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary (v. 1-2)

CEL #655

PASTORAL PRAYER

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SERMON

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Title: After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost

Theme: Waiting for the Promise Main Idea: God works through our waiting, preparing us for what He has promised.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Bringing in the Sheaves

See Insert.

*BENEDICTION

Aaronic Blessing

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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace...and all of God's children said...**Amen.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Love and Fellowship

CEL #233

POSTLUDE



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