

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
Sunday, April 30, 2023 | 10:00 am
4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

God Really Loves Us
Great Are You Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

A Song of Praise: Sanctuary-FWS 2164 (3x)

Call to Worship:

Great is the Lord!

God's greatness is beyond our understanding.

Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

**Through Jesus we have come to know
the absolute love of God.**

Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

**May God continue to bless God's people with
peace. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (in unison):

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Choral Anthem

A Time for Children with Kyra DeMoss

A Song of Preparation:

Standing on the Promises-UMH 374

Scripture: Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?

Yes, we believe It.

Message

THE IMPLICATIONS OF EASTER: LIVE FREE

A Time of Prayer

A Time of Giving

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Song of Invitation: Victory In Jesus-UMH 370

Congregational Benedictional Song:

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude