

JACKSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Phyllis Coates – Pastor

Sis. Rebecca Wright – Worship Leader

3rd Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024 – 10:30

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Acolytes

SONG OF PRAISE “Give Me That Old Time Religion” AAHB#161

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: How shall we live when lavished with ?

A: We are God’s children but if it has not been revealed to us what we are to become in the future.

L: Just in our origins our future is tied to the planet.

A: Our Creator has given us partners for a mutual journey.

L: Let s worship God, who makes all things new.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No, Not One”

AAHB#308

MORNING PRAYER; Inspired and drawn from Psalm 4

Righteous God, who ordains the rise and fall of the sun and moon and the ebb and flow of the snows and streams of Mount Hermon: Life-sustaining God, who sets the warblers and the wrens to feed fat on the crimson pods of the Hermon maple trees: they rest securely; nestled in the soft green leaflets of the birdsfoot trefoils.

Save us, Lord! Save our woods, our sibling creatures, our sustaining water. The heat rises, and the rain no longer fits in its securing cycle; it no longer feeds the Dan and Hermon Spring or the Jordan

River as it once did. We are unsure. We no longer know the season-by-season refilling of the Jordan Valley, where the rock dove above our Lord. We do not know this land as Jesus Did.

Shining God, turn your face to us, your people, your community! You hear our cry! We repent of the lures that led us to drought, for they are worthless. We seek restoration of the cycles you ordained, of snow and rain, of the wren, the dove, and the trefoil. We step away from sin. We refresh ourselves in your righteousness. We rest secure and are assured in you. **Amen.**

WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***Offertory Response , “All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE WRITTEN WORD FOR TODAY

Mark 8:22-25

SELECTION OF PREPARATION

AAHB#404

“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

THE SPOKEN WORD

Rev. George Coates

“The Lord Touched Me Again”

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

TAKING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION/ SENDING FORTH

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

I will battle in the name of the Lord Almighty. I will not try to fight on my own. I will not fear my enemies. I will trust in the promise that all giants fall by the power of God, my Father. The battle is his, and he has already won.