



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Spirit Song
Beverly Babcock - Organ

UMH #347

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

In the midst of our grief,
You come.
In the midst of our fear,
You come.
In the midst of our doubt,
You come.
When we are hiding,
You come.
When we are sheltering in place,
You come.
Wherever we are,
You come -
Seeking us out,
Meeting us here,
Offering your peace.

Verse 1 Easter people, raise your voices,
 sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
 Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
 heavenly music, let it ring.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Verse 3 Every day to us is Easter,
 with its resurrection song.
 When in trouble move the faster
 To our God who rights the wrong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.



Opening Prayer

Risen Christ,
You came to the disciples in the midst of their fear,
offering them your peace to calm their hearts,
And your spirit to guide them in your way of love.
Breathe on us today
Your spirit of peace and hope,
So that we may be your loving presence
To our families, communities, and world.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayers



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

Scripture

John 20:19-31

NRSV

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed

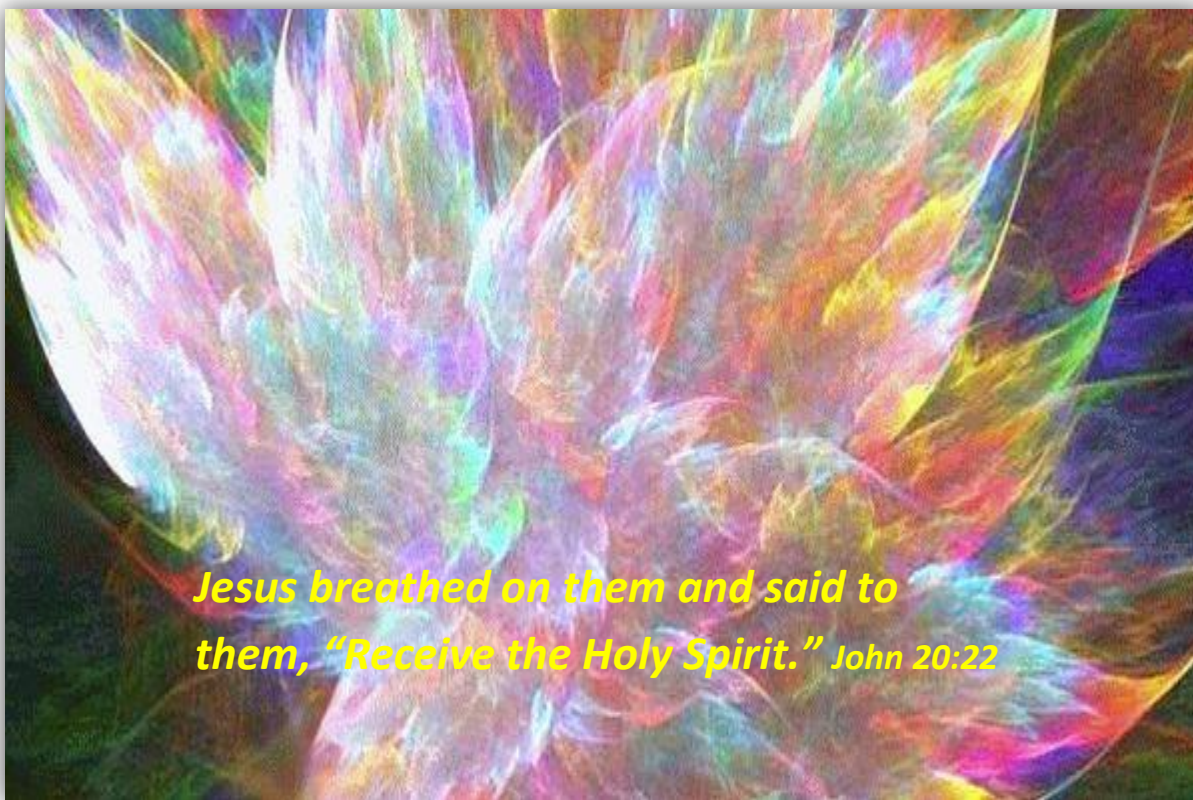
on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God." ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Giving of our Gifts *If you haven't already done so, we hope you'll share your gifts.

Music Ministry Millicent Scarlett - soprano

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Service

Thine Be the Glory

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Verse 2: **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

Refrain: ***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***

Verse 3: **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Refrain: ***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***



Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

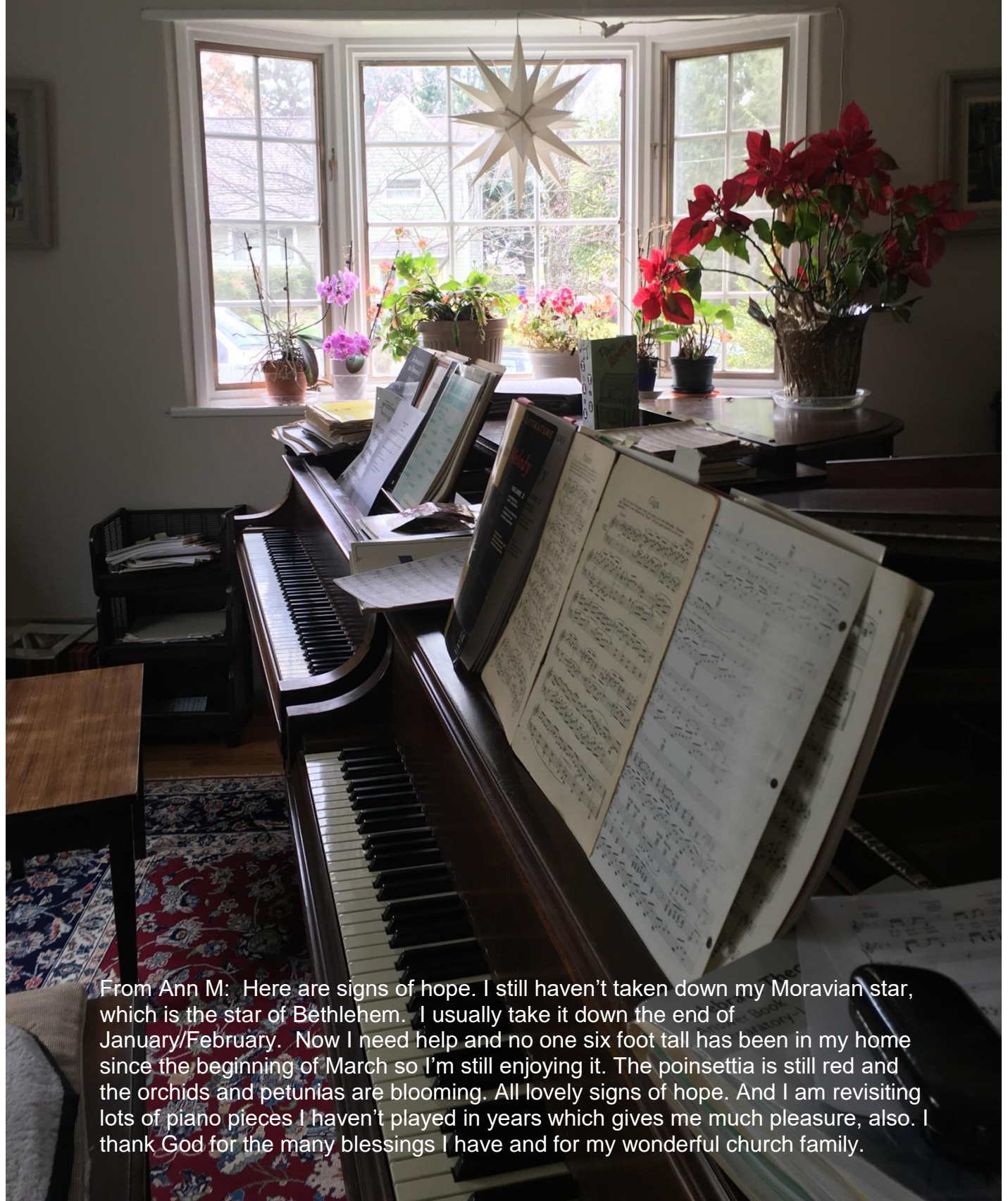
Shalom to You
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Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:
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Another Sign of Hope



From Ann M: Here are signs of hope. I still haven't taken down my Moravian star, which is the star of Bethlehem. I usually take it down the end of January/February. Now I need help and no one six foot tall has been in my home since the beginning of March so I'm still enjoying it. The poinsettia is still red and the orchids and petunias are blooming. All lovely signs of hope. And I am revisiting lots of piano pieces I haven't played in years which gives me much pleasure, also. I thank God for the many blessings I have and for my wonderful church family.



Announcements – April 26, 2020

SPREAD THE WORD Let your friends, family, and coworkers know that we are offering live streamed services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The service can be accessed through our website: www.uumcp.org

CLOSED DOORS Our building is closed until further notice. Instead of stopping by, please call or email the church office if you need anything. office@uumcp.org

YOUR OFFERING It is possible to have your offering sent from your bank directly to our church. You set this up through your own bank; you do not need to share account information with the church.

WEDNESDAY PRAYERS Join Pastor Michelle and members of your church family in a time of sharing prayers on Wednesdays at noon, via a conference call. The phone number will be emailed to you prior to the meeting time. If you attempted to join us last week, but had difficulties, please contact the church office. office@uumcp.org

HELP OFFER If you need help with anything – prayers, getting food or medicine, rides to a doctor, or... Please let the church office know. We will do our best to help you!

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