

# *ORDER OF WORSHIP*

*April 28, 2024*

*9:30 A.M.*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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*THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA*

*Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor*

*Dr. Rex Enderlin, Choir Director*

*Heather Edwards-Wilson, Organist & Youth/Children's Music Director*

*(\* Indicates standing if possible)*

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

Thank you for joining us today! We invite you to come grow with us at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. If you do not have a church fellowship, we offer you ours. If you are a visitor today, please make yourself known to the Pastor or an usher. You may find the Bible and Hymnals under the chairs.

*Please turn off cell phones! Phones set on “vibrate” still interfere with our audio equipment and may cause feedback. Thank you!*

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Ray Becht*

**INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**All: so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**All: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**All: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**All: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Ye Servants of God”

UMH # 181

*(Prayer cards will be collected at this time.)*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Almighty God, we confess that we have not always followed the teachings and examples of Jesus. We have thought too much about our own lives and not enough about all our neighbors and helping them in their time of need. Help us to put the needs of others before our needs.

## **SILENT MEDITATION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM:** "Every Morning is Easter" *Children's Choir*

### **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**1 John 4:7-21 (pg. 1902)**  
**John 15:1-8 (pg. 1676)**

**(Congregation Responds: *Thanks be to God!*)**

**\*HYMN:** "We Are Called" FWS # 2172

**MESSAGE:** "A Perfect World" *Ray Becht*

### **OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELF**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY:** UMH, #95

