



Order of Worship for Sunday, April 18, 2021

*Easter Season: Dare To Dance!*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,  
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.  
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,  
Dare to dance again!**

Call to Worship

Pastor Paige Foster

Leader: Face this new day, even when you aren't sure.  
**People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.**  
Leader: Get ready for life, for life is all around.  
**People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**  
Leader: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of hope, and set out anyway.  
**People: For we are called to dance again!**

Opening Prayer

In Unison

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –  
You set this world in motion and gave it life.  
Turn us to you when our steps are not sure.  
Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you –  
so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ.  
Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

**“Lord of the Dance”**  
UMH 261

Affirming the Peace Among Us

One: The peace of the Risen Christ is with you!  
**Many: And also with you!**  
You are invited to turn to the people around you  
and offer a sign of peace to those with you.

**Children's Story**

**Shaeleigh Parsons  
Director of Children's Ministries**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Pastor Josh**

**Blessing of the Offerings-to-Come**

**Prayers of the People**

**Our Gospel Readings**

**Luke 24:36b-48 NRSV  
1 John 3: 1-3**

**Pastor Paige**

**Preparing Our Hearts**

**"Dare to Dance" (Instrumental)**

**Lamar Fitzgerald**

**Reflection**

**"While in Their Joy: Dancing Sure"**

**Pastor Sharon**

**Prayer Response**

**Sending Song**

**"Dare to Dance"**

**Shared Benediction**

We have heard the risen Jesus speak peace  
and offer us hope through his very body.  
Send us forth now, O God,  
to live in the freedom of the peace that you still speak to us,  
making our steps more sure each and every day.

And may the Loving God,  
Risen Christ,  
and Dancing Spirit  
fill you with all you need  
for the days ahead.

And all God's people said,  
**"Amen!"**

**Postlude and Announcements**

