



Order of Worship for Sunday, April 11, 2021

Easter Season: Dare To Dance!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Centering

**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

Deane Looney

One: Shake off the dust that has been gathering underfoot.
People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.
One: Raise your hands in grateful praise.
People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.
One: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of determination and set out anyway.
People: For we are called to dance again!

Opening Prayer

In Unison

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –
You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts
and in this world. Tune us to each other. 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

**“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”
UMH 304**

Lamar Fitzgerald

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 wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

Children's Story

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

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Paige

Blessing of the Offerings-to-Come

Prayers of the People

Our Gospel Readings

John 20:19-31

Deane Looney

1 John 1:1-2:2

Dare to Dance Introduction Video

Preparing Our Hearts

"Dare to Dance"

Lamar Fitzgerald

Reflection

"With Great Power: Dancing Together"

Pastor Sharon

Prayer Response to the Word

Sending Song

**"The Summons"
Faith We Sing 2130**

Lamar Fitzgerald

Shared Benediction

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

