



**El Segundo United Methodist Church**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Rev. Kaleb Oh

**Passing the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Vaka Faletau

One: How shall we live when shadows gather?

**All: Drawn to God's unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another's presence.**

One: What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.

**All: When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.**

One: Let us worship God, who is our Light and our Peace.

**\*Hymn**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH 420

**\*Opening Prayer**

***God of peace, come and breathe your spirit upon us. May it weave us together in a life full of goodness and joy. May your peace cast away all fear and worry as we move in harmony with one another and our hearts open to your presence. Amen.***

**Anthem**

Chancel Choir

**For the Children**

**Announcements & Offering Message**

**\*Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise God, all creatures here below.***

***Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.***

***Praise Maker, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

**The Word of God**

John 20:19-31

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**A Word about the Word**

*Peace Be with You*

Rev. Kaleb

**A Time of Prayer**

### Invitation to Christ's Table

*Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all who seek God's love in Jesus Christ. All children, as well as adults, are welcome to participate.*

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Forgive us, help us to live filled with peace and empowered by the hope of your resurrection. Amen.**

### Silence

### Assurance of Pardon

Jesus was delivered over to death on our behalf and raised out of death to life so that we may rise out of the darkness and to a new way of life. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### 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.**

### Distribution of Bread and Cup

*We invite those worshipping from home to use elements of your choosing to represent the bread and juice that would usually be used during our in-person service. Pastor Kaleb will pray a blessing over all the elements that will be used for our virtual Communion service during The Great Thanksgiving. We thank you for joining together in Spirit at Christ's virtual table. We know that our loving and gracious God sees our desire and heart to worship God no matter our location, situation, or selection of Eucharist elements.*

### Hymn

*Spirit of God*

TFWS 2117

### \*Benediction

### Benediction Response

### Postlude

Patty Breitag

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**Today's altar flowers** are given by Lesley Atlansky in memory of her mother Beverly Blackford, a former member of our congregation.

### Our thanks to all those who have made today's service possible:

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*Following the example of Jesus Christ, El Segundo United Methodist Church seeks to be a community of faith that embodies the love of God:*

- *by reaching out and welcoming all, especially those on the margins of society*
- *by creating a safe space in which all are supported on their faith journey;*
- *and by serving the needs of the community and beyond.*

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