

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

MEDITATION

*“An eye for an eye
leaves the whole world blind.”
– M.K. Gandhi*

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Centering Quiet
Introit (seated) *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #334

*Call to Worship (*please stand as you are able)
One: God holds out to us the promise of new life.
All: Life is unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning.
One: God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy,
With patience, and with courage.
**All: In worship, we can begin to accept this gift of new life.
Let us worship God. Amen and amen.**

*Hymn *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning (insert)*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (seated)

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you. We gather to thank you that in your resurrection we are renewed and transformed. Like the butterfly, we unfold and fly free, free from the cocoon, free from all the grave clothes that have bound us – our prejudices, our fears, our angers, our self-centeredness, our loneliness. We thank you that in your resurrection we ourselves may hope for the end of pain, grief, tears, weakness and for everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit. Be with us today as we pray in Christ’s name...

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Psalm 23
 John 10:11-21

Sermon We Are Not Sheep Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude (seated)
Silent and Pastoral Prayer
Sung Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering
*Doxology #95
*Unison Prayer of Dedication
God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community and world beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #381

Benediction (seated)
Postlude
Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall after the service
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor
Sean McMahon, Music Minister
Emily Broderick, Lay Leader