

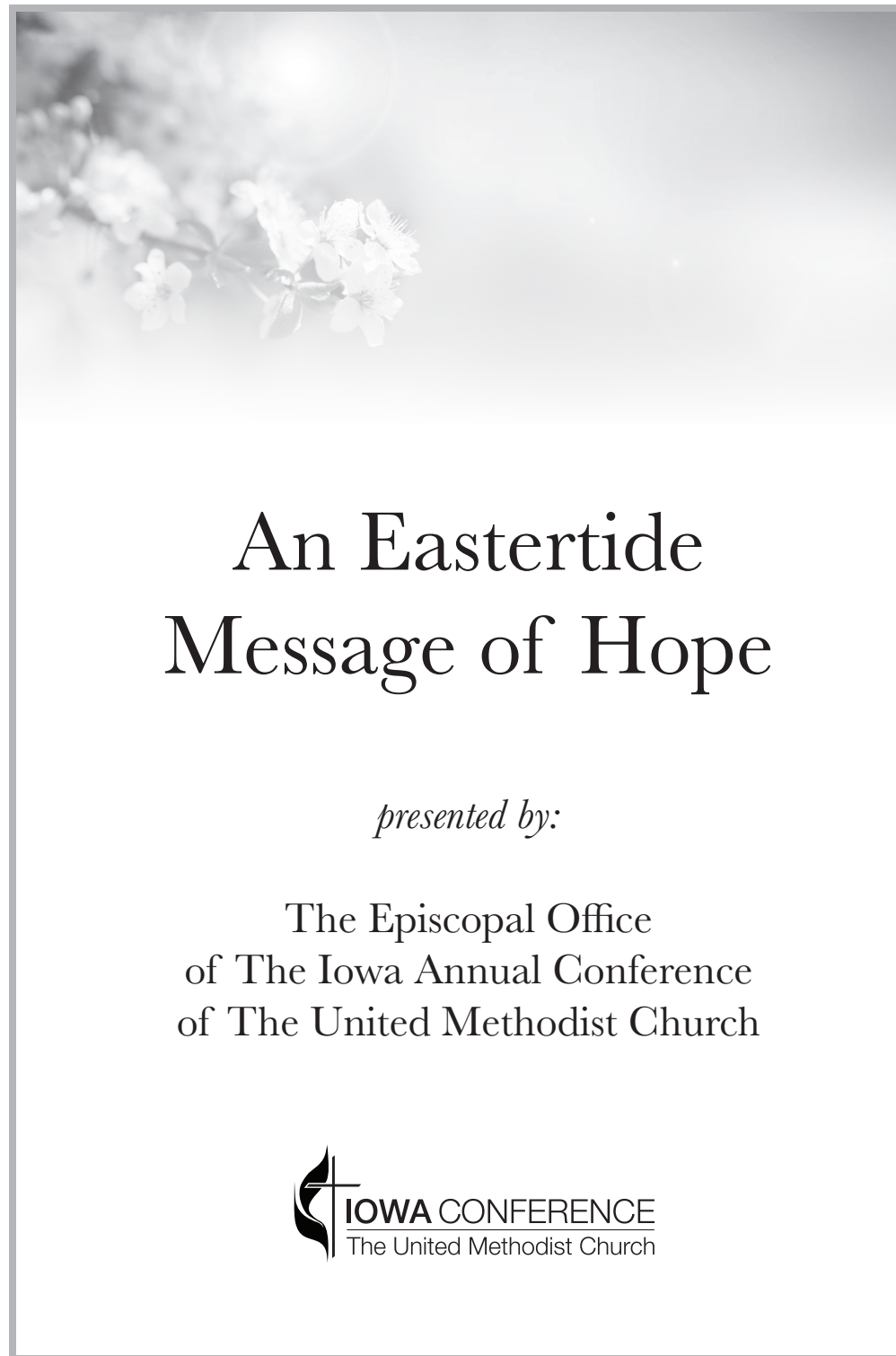
Thank you for joining us in worship today!

In the name of the good Lord, we pray for you and your family. We pray for your pastors, worship teams and church staff and that this worship service has been able to give them rest and respite during these challenging times. We pray for the health and healing of all those affected by COVID-19 in the many ways it has devastated lives. We mourn the loss of loved ones and pray for comfort for their families.

We pray that this worship was able to give you a message of hope in these unsettled times and that you know that nothing is stronger than the risen Christ who rose from the grave and paved the way for a new life. We pray that Christ's light will shine in you, through you and over you. We pray that through Jesus, you will make a difference in the world, for God's glory and purpose. Thanks be to God for this beautiful day.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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An Eastertide Message of Hope

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This worship service has been planned for your inspiration and encouragement while providing a moment of rest for our local church leaders in this season of COVID-19.

Bolded italic print indicates where you are invited to respond or sing.

Prelude

Rev. Terra Amundson

“For the Beauty of the Earth”, arranged by Phillip Keveren

Welcome and Greeting

Bishop Laurie Haller

...I invite you to join me in prayer.

As we begin our worship, keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain those who are anxious and fearful or who are now unemployed. Lift up all who have tested positive and are being treated in hospitals, and comfort families who have lost loved ones. May we rejoice in your grace, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to love our neighbor, walk with the fearful, and assure those who are isolated right now of our support and encouragement. We give ourselves to you, Lord. May this time of worship fill our hearts with peace and inspire us to be your vessels of hope. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Carol Kress

Scripture and Message

Bishop Deborah Kiesey

“And Now It’s Monday”

John 20:19-22

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said “Peace be with you.”

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

When he had said this he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Throughout the prayer, you are invited to respond:

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayers.

French version:

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd’hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumet pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c’est à toi qu’appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles.

English version:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive whose who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

And all God’s people said, Amen!

Call to Offering

Rev. Ron Carlson

Benediction and Blessing

Rev. Dr. Heecheon Jeon

... So may the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever. Amen.

Postlude

Rev. Dr. Harlan and Deb Gillespie

“How Can I Keep From Singing? (My Life flows On)” by Robert Lowry

*My life flows on in endless song,
above earth’s lamentation.*

*I hear the clear, though faroff hymn
that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.*

*Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.*

*What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.*

*Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.*

It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.*

*Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!*

All things are mine since I am his!

How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.*

*Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

Getting Connected

Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck