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First United Methodist Church, Tallassee is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, by connecting people to the Word of God and engaging them in ministry here and throughout the world.

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... he has given us a new birth
into a
LIVING HOPE
through the
RESURRECTION
of **JESUS CHRIST**
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

11:00 a.m. Worship
April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter - White

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Lord of the Dance* Leslye Ames

Invocation

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *My Hope is Built* **368**

***Responsive Reading** **Psalm 16**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a glorious heritage.

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: I have set the Lord always before me; the Lord is at my right hand; I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.

People: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your godly one see the pit.

Leader: You show me the path of life;

People: In your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.* *means universal

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We lift up those we know and love serving in the United States Armed Services and we recognize God's call to pray for our enemies. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Choral Prayer Response

Chancel Choir

Hymn of Preparation *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* **175**

Children's Moment

(Children age 4 – 1st grade will be escorted to Children's Church)

Offertory *Lord, I Stretch My Hand to You* Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Scripture** **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Message "New Birth" **Rev. Dric Williford**

***Hymn of Invitation** *Victory in Jesus* **370 (v. 1&3)**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Crown Him Lord of All* Leslye Ames

**Stand as you are able*

Lay Reader: Amelia Barton