

3rd Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023 9:30 am

Welcome

Procession

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

All: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

One: Thankful is the song we sing!

All: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

One: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

All: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

One: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

All: Christ lives here and now

He is with us at this and every moment!

*Opening Hymn "Christ is Alive" UMH 318

*Opening Prayer

Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples. I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

*Hymn of Preparation "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" UMH 175

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Slow of Heart to Believe Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed UMH 881

*Closing Hymn "Up From the Grave He Arose" UMH 322

*Blessing and Benediction

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We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers

Joan Alsever, Miriam Baker, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Chris Billings, Yvonne Boone family, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Richard Blood, Libby Bowerman, Roy Callahan, Dave Calloway, Csanady Family, Darlene Cushman's family, Family of Chris Davis, Family of Sheila Davis, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, family of Mary Edmundson, Pat Finley, Family of Baby Graham Geschke, Lynn Gibbons, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Family of Anna Marie Hall, Mark Hardy, Rose Hatten, Theresa Hermann, Ellie Hunter, family of Dean Jestes, Kurek family, Carol Levigne, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Henry Meyers, family of Kirk Miller, Craig Moore, Brian Morton, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Parsley Family, Larry and Jackie Paulus, Family of Bob Quisenberry, Reinhart Family, Scott Robert, Dana Rosendahl, Russell Rueling, Family of Ed Scott, Julie

Shachochis, Pat Sievers, Bob Smith, Spicher family, Nancy Talbot, Sharon Truedel, Don Weinberg, Family of Harding Wescott, Bud Whitehead, family of Jamie Whitehead, family of Mary Francis Whitehead, family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt, Jimmy Wylie

Long-term prayer concerns: Karyn Brandel, Coolidge Family, Cunningham Family, Jerry Fowler, Karen Goles, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Michael Smith, Dustin Summers, Ryan Whitehead and his family, Tony Zile

Thank you to our Greeters and Ushers – Jim and Carolyn Deverin

Thank you to our Liturgist – Ron Whitehead

Fifth Sunday Worship – April has five Sundays. We will be having a joint service of worship beginning at 10 AM on April 30 at Gary Memorial UMC. Sandy will be taking blood pressure readings.

Jean Reed is collecting prescription bottles of all sizes...