



Living Faith
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Resurrection Peace

John 20:19-31

Until further notice, we will not be meeting in person for Worship Services, Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live. Please watch sermons Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. on our church Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/LivingFaithUMCOMaha/?ref=bookmarks>

Prayer Requests

- **Ron Blue** ~ healing
- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing, Praise! Scans came back good on 2/19!
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Ender**~ health & strength
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **Jon Davis—family friend of Pastor Sandy** ~ health, back in hospital
- **Larry & Karen Lakeman** ~ healing & encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Rob Oesterle** ~ lung cancer
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ strength
- **Our nation, our leaders** ~ wisdom and discernment
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen**
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

How to watch live via Facebook:

Login to your Facebook account in the search bar (if you can't find it hit the magnifying glass at the top of the page) type in Living Faith UMC: Click on the page.



Once on the page, the live should be at the top of the page, if not click on video's on the right side.

How to watch live via our website:

Go to: <http://www.livingfaithumc.com/worship2>

Click on the green button that says: Live Sermon, Sundays at 10:10 a.m.

That will direct you to a different page to watch the live sermon.

From The Pastor

Hello Living Faith! Please know how much I am missing seeing your smiling faces and exchanging hugs or handshakes with you. What a time to be alive! What are the opportunities of these unusual times? I am a person who quickly begins to question who I am and what is my purpose if I am not busily engaged in activity. Thank goodness I rest in the reassurance of God's grace and thank goodness that I know to Whom I belong and what His expectations are for me. Otherwise I fear that I would drift and be lost.

I feel like my purpose right now has changed somewhat. OK, it has changed a whole lot. My life of serving the people of Living Faith has changed from greeting you in person to praying for you more. Rather than gathering together to laugh and rejoice, I quietly reminisce and savor the times we have shared, and I give thanks to God for my seven years as your pastor. Rather than engage in days of driven activity, I now go through my days at a slower pace and give more thought to the moment I am in. These times are not all bad.

Joan D. Chittister wrote these words to encourage us to "Live A Measured Life":

Peace comes from living a measured life. Peace comes from attending to every part of my world in a sacramental way. My relationships are not what I do when I have time left over from my work . . . Reading is not something I do when life calms down. Prayer is not something I do when I feel like it. They are all channels of hope and growth for me. They must all be given their due.

Ask yourself "am I living my life soulfully?" Perhaps now is the time for such deep thoughts that are so important to living our lives in Christ, and yet they are thoughts that are typically given little time due to overly busy lives. God is good. God provides times to rest and time for us to truly know that God is God.

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

Be still.

Know.

Be still and know.

I am God.

Rejoicing in God's goodness with you,
Pastor Sandy

**CITYWIDE PRAYER
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
April 2020**

“Most of all, I’m writing to encourage you to pray with gratitude to God. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with intense passion. And pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts. It is pleasing to our Savior-God to pray for them. He longs for everyone to embrace His life and return to the full knowledge of the truth.”


1 Timothy 2:1-4 TPT

In this unprecedented season, where Covid 19 is impacting our community at every level, it is easy to understand Paul’s exhortation to Timothy to pray for political officials “most of all”! Not only is praying for them a God-pleasing priority, but we are to pray for them with gratitude, and fervency, SO THAT the peace, life, and truth of the Gospel may pervade our city. Especially in this season, not only is there interplay between city and county government, but also between Omaha and our state officials - the governor, DHHS, State Medical Director as well. May our metropolitan area shine in practical ways to benefit the entire nation in this hour!

Pray—Pray for Mayor Jean Stothert, Adi Pour who is the Director of Douglas County Health Department, Governor Pete Ricketts, as well as the mayors of surrounding municipalities (Bellevue, Ralston, Papillion, Gretna, Bennington, etc.) May the Lord give them His wisdom for the good of all, and humility and unity as they work together. Pray for their health and safety as well as that of their loved ones. “By Me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; by Me princes govern and nobles-all who rule on earth.” Prov. 8:15

Pray—Pray that mayoral staffs to be full of wise and godly men and women. Protect them from those who would come with their own agendas rather than the good of the community. Pray God would raise up and bring to the forefront Daniels, Josephs, Esthers, and Deborahs to bring the counsel of God for each leader.

Pray—Pray for godliness, wisdom, health and safety for the members of each City Council. May they be true public servants for the districts they serve. As conflicts arise, pray for honoring attitudes, both behind closed doors and in public.

A background image showing a hand pushing a shopping cart with green handles through a grocery store aisle. The shelves are filled with various products, and the scene is slightly blurred to focus on the text.

Debbie Beavers small group is willing to shop for any congregation members who are not wanting to or can't get out.

You can email Debbie directly at
pemberly01@gmail.com

be strong and courageous
**DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED
for the Lord your God
WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.**
JOSHUA 1:9

Committees

Living Faith has a structure of committees to do our work. We have great volunteers, but attending evening meetings is difficult so attendance is low.

How would you re-structure?

- ♦ SPRC (Staff Parish Relations)
 - ♦ Finance
 - ♦ Trustees
- ♦ Congregational Care
 - Membership
 - Prayer
 - Care of Member

What would make it easier for you to serve?

What keeps you from volunteering?

What could change that would turn your “no” to “yes” for committee work?

Please send and email to Tracy
info@livingfaithumc.com



**Do you have a high school or college student
graduating this spring?
If so, please let the office know!**

The ones we know so far are:

**Ben Earhart, Ben Hizer, Rebekkah Hale,
Cy & West Stewart, Ashley Thomsen, & Dylan Tipler**

Habitat for Humanity is a mission that many of us feel passionate about, even though we no longer go to the worksite together as a team.

If you want to volunteer, go to their website and sign up for the date & time you'll work.
They will be glad to have you!

<https://habitatomaha.org/volunteernow/>



Rummage Sale

**Training Dates:
TBD**

June 10 - 13 Sale Dates



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**1st Sunday Prayer
Following Worship**

**Personal individual prayer
with two people.**

Meet in the FH

OUR MISSION

To make disciples for Jesus Christ
to transform the world

OUR VISION

- 1) To be disciples for Christ
- 2) To bring others to Christ

OUR GOALS

- 1) Become & remain Spiritually Strong
 - a) Attend Worship Regularly
 - b) Be Part of a small group
 - c) Pray faithfully
- 2) Share God with our Community & the world
 - a) Mission Shares
 - b) Service to others
 - c) Reaching out
- 3) Interact with The Holy Bible Daily
 - a) Educate & guide our children & youth
 - b) Christian Education for all ages

Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

Sunday, April 19

The Christians' Call And Election
1 Peter 1:1-12

Sunday, April 26

Camp Fontenelle

Sunday, May 3

TBD

Sunday, May 10

The Water Of Life
Revelation 22:12-17

Sunday, May 17

God's Chosen People
Colossians 3:12-17

Sunday, May 24

Jesus Ascends
Acts 1:6-14

A Look Ahead

May 7 ~ National Day of Prayer

May 12 ~ Mother's Day ~ Accepting small items for rummage sale

May 17 ~ Accepting big items for rummage sale

May 25 ~ Memorial Day

May 27—30 ~ Annual Conference

Finance March Update:

If you buy 50 rolls of toilet paper, how many should you give to the church? 5!

Tithing has not been cancelled.

Thank you for faithful giving!

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