

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 14, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Marshall Judy

**PRELUDE** Handbells: *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Judy Endean

## Gathering Around The Word

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Luke 24:36

One: The bread of life opens our eyes.

**All: The word of life opens our ears.**

One: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**All: and by those wounds we are healed.**

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN 251** *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Good and gracious God,  
we are creatures of dust,  
ignorant of your revelation,  
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,  
needing forgiveness.

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

**\*RESPONSE 581** 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.**

*\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

## Listening To the Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING** ACTS 3:12-19  
*(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)*

**ANTHEM** *Sing a New Song to the Lord* arr. Natalie Sheeth

**SECOND READING** LUKE 24:36b-48

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN 629** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** CHURCH CREED

We believe God's love sets us free  
as the church with a common heritage,  
bound together as one family,  
nourished by the gift of His Son.  
We believe God's love set us free  
from fear, judgment, and death.  
We believe God's love set us free  
with energy and strength for commitment.  
We believe God's love set us free,  
renewing our faith, hope, and trust.  
We believe God's love set us free  
to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.  
We believe God's love set us free!

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** See prayer concerns list, back page

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** page 35 in hymnal

## GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*Jesus gave himself fully for us  
and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace,  
so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others  
through our tithes and gifts.*

**OFFERTORY** *Heavenly Sunlight* George Cook  
arr. Mark Hayes

## **\*THE DOXOLOGY 606**

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

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## God Sends Us Forth

**\*HYMN 233** *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

## **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

## **\*BLESSING**

**HYMN 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (vrs3) AR HYDY  
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## POSTLUDE

### Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!  
You can scan this QR code with your  
smartphone to fill out our online form.  
We would love to get to know you better!



### This Week

**TODAY!** @ 4:00pm - Piano Concert  
**Wed., April 17** @ 5:30pm - Taco Night Fellowship Meal  
**Wed., April 17** @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice  
**Thur., April 18** @ 4:00pm - Deacons Meeting  
**Thur., April 18** @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer  
**Thur., April 18** @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting  
**Fri., April 19** @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies @ Charred Oak  
**Sat., April 20** @ 2:00pm - Food Box Giveaway

### Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist**.....Marshall Judy  
**Ushers**.....John & Lynn Cain  
**Audio**.....Paul Guffey  
**Video**.....Sue Guffey  
**Coffee Plus**.....Brenda Wesley

**First Reading—Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

**Second Reading—Luke 24:36b-48**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

*Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*



**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

Tommy Brence; Jane Evans; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman’s mother; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

**Current Giving**

	Rec’d month of Feb.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$21,100	\$11,985	\$39,578	\$35,956
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$4,700	\$3,289	\$14,039	\$9,866

**Blessing Box Attendant**

**This Week**.....Susan & Steve Cornelius  
**Next Week**.....Christie Adams

**Assisting In Worship Today**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Troy Jamieson  
**Ushers**.....Suzanne Kidd & Kim King  
**Audio**.....Terry Randall  
**Video**.....Richard Wright  
**Coffee Plus**.....Cathy Wright  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald  
**Interim Pastor**.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

**Deacons:**

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

**Elders:**

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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April 14th, 2024

**The Third Sunday of Easter**



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**People of God, Welcome Home!**

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.