



**First United Methodist Church**

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.  
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;  
all who are lonely and need companionship;  
all who want sheltering love, all who sin  
and need a Savior; and whosoever will  
—we open wide our doors and say,  
“Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15am Sunday Worship

April 4, 2021

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Acts 10:38-43 (CEB)

GOSPEL LESSON(Please Rise) Mark 16:1-8 (CEB)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#314 “In the Garden” (Insert or Screen V.1 only)

MESSAGE: Easter People Pastor Dave

MEMBERSHIP VOW (Insert)

HOLY BAPTISM (Insert)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Mighty God of Resurrection power, we have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary. “I have seen the Lord!” We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

SHARING

HYMN#322 “Up from the Grace He Arose”  
(Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION

May the loving power of God,  
Which raised Jesus to new life,  
Strengthen you in hope,  
Enrich you with his love,  
And fill you with joy in the faith.

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded  
online service on [our Church Website.](#)

**In Our Prayers**

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer,  
Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck,  
Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David,  
Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French,  
Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne & Adam Woods,  
Dawn Barber, Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe,  
Robert Hill, Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz,  
Keith Brown, Jeff Law, Don Kramer, Janis Wilt,  
Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Eli Feurbach

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,  
Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner,  
Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

The victims of mass shooting in Colorado  
Our country & government/West Carroll Schools

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton  
EASTER WORDS FROM THE CROSS (Insert or Screen)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why have you come this morning?

**P: We have come to experience the Risen Christ.**

L: How will you know him?

**P: Through the love and life we feel present in this gathering of the body of Christ.**

L: What will you do with this experience?

**P: We will go forth, witnesses to this amazing act of love.**

**A: Come, people of God, let us worship our Easter God.**

HYMN#304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” (Insert or Screen)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**O God of Easter joy, we come this morning with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. May this time of worship help us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ. May we be transformed, transformed into your butterfly people, winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope and life. Amen.**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### April

- 4 – John Belander
- 5 – Kris Offenheiser
- 6 – Melinda Dykema
- 7 – Glen Brunner
- 8 – Karen Hoffman
- 9 – Jeanine Mills
- 11 – Rose Hartman  
*Bill & Betty Weidman 1952*

## Calendar

Monday, April 5

9am Body & Soul Yoga

1pm Sewing Ladies

3 – 5:30 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 6

6:30pm UMW

Thursday, April 8

9am Body & Soul Yoga

9am Bible Study

Saturday, April 10

8:30am Premarital Counseling

Sunday, April 11

9am Sunday School

10:15am Worship

11am Outreach Committee

11am Kids Cards

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today. We are glad you are here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

Friendly reminder: Molly Andersen, you are the counter for April 11. The verifier is Brennon Cavanagh. Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 24 Inside, 39 Outside

Worship helpers for April 11<sup>th</sup> service: Inside: Liturgist – Linda Jachino, Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Carlo & Linda Stubbe, Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Audio – Chris Falk  
Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen

Food Pantry – Items needed – Cereal, juice and cake mix.

Blessing basket – Items needed – C & D batteries, paper towels.

Prom Time! Check your closets or check with friends to see if anyone has a dress they would like to donate. Contact Nancy Sweitzer at 815-622-8132.

April 18<sup>th</sup> will be the anything with wheels blessing. Tractors, cars, motorcycles, bicycles.

Kids Cards will meet in Fellowship hall after Worship on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be making cards for Big Meadows. All supplies will be provided, lunchables will be available to take home. Everyone is welcome! Masks will be worn and social distancing will be observed. Any questions, call Molly at 815-273-2104.

### OUTREACH TEAM



*Soup & Sandwich To go Lunch*

**Sunday, April 18th**  
Following the church service  
Curb-side pick up in the parking lot

### FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds will go towards mission projects

Serving soup, sandwich, chips and dessert

*See you there!*



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Sunday, 10:15 am  
April 4, 2021

### Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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