

For Prayer & Contemplation

"sins against hope are the only sins beyond forgiveness and redemption"

- Carlos Quijano

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Now the Green Blade Rises" - Roques

Call to Worship

One: Praise to the One who made us, fearfully and wonderfully, in God's own image.

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

One: Praise to the One who redeems us, remaking us into a holy people!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

One: Praise to the One who sustains us, sending us out as witnesses to God's grace.

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 22 "God of the Sparrow"

Prayer of Confession (Written by Chris Glaser)

O holy One, too often we resist your rule, we pass by your glory, we mistrust your grace. We divide ourselves between the privileged and underprivileged, the acceptable and unacceptable, us and them. Too often our religion, intended to bond us to one another as well as to you, becomes another source of division. Our diversity, reflecting your many faces, becomes a cause for concern rather than gratitude. Your creation, revealing your grandeur, we spoil and devour rather than respect. Free us from our closets! Free us from our tombs! Free us even from a heaven that does not embrace earth. Give us, please, the ecstasy you enjoy by bringing us together in friendship, in community, in prayer, on earth as in eternity. Give us, please, the intimacy you inspire through mutuality and consensus, in relationships political, sexual, spiritual. Give us please, the compassion you manifest in your exorbitant love for creation and all creatures, great and small. Thank you for our opportunities to make things right, to make life good, to be your presence in the world. We pray this in your many names, may it be so!

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"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."

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem "A Song of Gladness" - Dobrinski Tyler Bell Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Genesis 1: 24-2:3*

Old Testament pgs. 1-2, **LP** pgs. 1-2

2nd Reading: *Job 39: 1-18*

Old Testament pgs. 485-486 **LP** pgs. 597-598

Sermon "Are We Ostriches" – Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Moment for Mission – Earth Care Committee

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

"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."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, Lord. We do not deserve all that you have given us. Accept what we offer, knowing that it represents our whole selves, which we give to you in thanks. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, Peggy Price, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, The Family of Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeve, Erin Fitzpatrick, The Family of John Clayton, Caroline, David, Jamie, Hayden, Cindy Sudano, Sue Hummel, Mavis Finch

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 247 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 243 "Be Not Afraid"
"Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!"

Postlude "For the Beauty of the Earth" - arr. Wold

***** ***** Please stand as you are able. ***** *****



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick & Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Sandy Lovelace
Acolyte	Emory Wichart

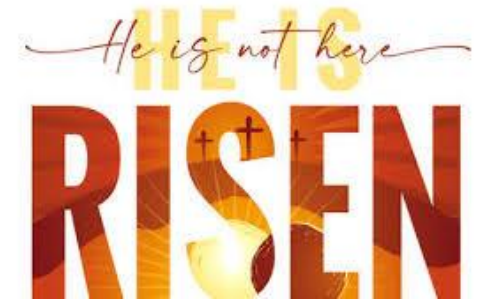
<i>This Week's Calendar</i>	
April 23 – April 30	
<i>Sunday</i> April 23	10 AM Worship Service Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am, Keys of Praise 3:00pm
<i>Monday</i> April 24	Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm, Worship Committee 7:15pm
<i>Tuesday</i> April 25	Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm, I&O Meeting 7pm
<i>Wednesday</i> April 26	PW Supper 6:30pm, Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30pm
<i>Thursday</i> April 27	Trustees Meeting 9:00am, Joy Circle 10am, Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> April 28	
<i>Saturday</i> April 29	Faithful Farmers 10am, Senior Luncheon 11:30am, It's Okay to Play 3pm
<i>Sunday</i> April 30	10 AM Worship Service Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am

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MUSIC NOTES



10 AM Worship Service
 April 23, 2023
 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Rev. Drew Harrison

Today's prelude is a transcription of the tune "Noel Nouvelet" by French composer Leon Roques (1839 - 1923). The melody comes from 15th century French sources. The anthem is an original composition by Cynthia Dobrinski, whose published legacy includes over 175 handbell pieces and arrangements. She passed away in 2021. The postlude is Wayne Wold's 2001 arrangement of the tune "Dix," originally composed in 1838 by Conrad Koch. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



- April 24** Alyssa Little
- April 25** Alex Kowalik
- April 28** Kyle Leach & Jason Russell
- April 30** Linda Davis, Michael Keehn, Sue LaPierre