

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 a.m. April 23, 2017

When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

(*) denotes congregation standing

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

WELCOME and Announcements Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader

Let us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Helen Alexander

PRELUDE *Thine is the Glory* Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Sing a New Song to the Lord* Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Hilton Haines

*HYMN OF PRAISE No.304 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*
UM Hymnal

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison) Hilton Haines
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mary Griffith
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church in Room 410.)

From the Psalter No. 748 Psalm 16:5-11 Ron Ballard
Sing response #1

ANTHEM *Praise! Praise!* Liebergen

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON Gene Griffith, Gideon Speaker

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 Ron Ballard
The Apostle's Creed UM Hymnal

*Gloria Patri No. 70 *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.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS Sheila Gilmore
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sheila Gilmore
Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, God of mercy. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS Hilton Haines

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* Larson
Vocal duet: Statha Osborne and Chuck Wright

*DOXOLOGY No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH TO SERVE No. 163
Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know UM Hymnal

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Gene Griffith

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE GOING FORTH
Praise Everlasting Wells

*Please stand as you are able
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The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Ann Crotts by Benson and Family

Ponder this.....

(We) can accept what Christ has done without knowing how it works; indeed, (we) certainly won't know how it works until (we've) accepted it.

C.S. Lewis

On this second Sunday of Easter, we hear how doubt and belief are woven into faith for the disciples – and for us.
Welcome to worship.

Presence

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	70
Worship	220
Maundy Thursday Service	62
Good Friday Service	
Sunrise Service	

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2017	\$493,245.35
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$151,767.68
Given to Date	\$142,729.22
Percentage Given	94.04%
Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget	\$ 9,485.48
Budget offering last week	\$ 7,002.34
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 10,905.00
Zoe pennies collected in March	\$ 60.00

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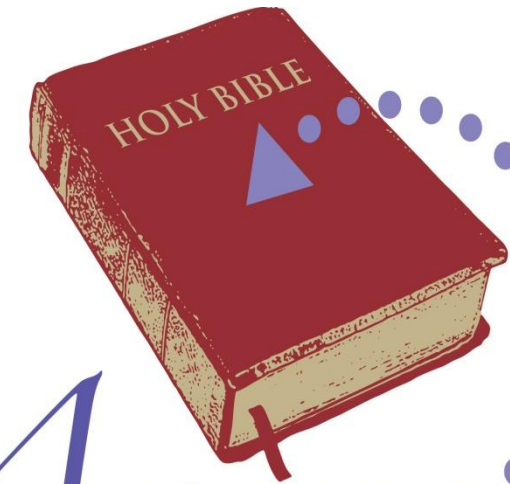


Stephen Ministry

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" *Romans 10:15b*

Service for April 23

Ushers	Steve Webb Team
Heat/AC	Tim Capel and Steve Webb
Crucifer	Jadyn Johnson
Acolytes	Kalei Grant and Olivia Meacham
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Nursery	T.J. Shaw
Greeters	Nelson Sheppard Paige Simmons
RCO Soup Kitchen Leader	Hilton and Glenda Haines
Hedge Prayer	Ladies Bible Class
Hermitage Volunteer	Randy and Margaret Leak; Audrey Ewing
Sunday Morning Fellowship	Glenn Alexander
Next Sunday	Benson Crofts



Answers
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Second Sunday of Easter

First United Methodist Church

Love God Love Others Love the World



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 Sundays at 7:00 pm