

First United Methodist Church

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April 21, 2024 — April 27, 2024 “4th Sunday of Easter”

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: James Gaffney

Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Vic & Sharon Vanderville

Fellowship: Vic & Sharon Vanderville

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Heifer International

Monday (4/22) Pastor B.J. will be out of the office late Sunday—Wednesday, 4/22-24
Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (4/23)

Wednesday (4/24)

Thursday (4/25) S/PPRC Meeting 10 AM

Friday (4/26)

Saturday (4/27) Kids Games/Movie Event, 3-5 PM, K-9 yr old., families are welcome.

April 28, 2024 — May 4, 2024 “5th Sunday of Easter”

Usher/Greeter: Ruth Annelin

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Janet Helmbold

Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Ruth Annelin

Fellowship: Pixie Livingston

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Heifer International

Monday (4/29) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (4/30) Special Long Term Planning Meeting 9:30 AM / All are welcome

Wednesday (5/1)

Thursday (5/2)

Friday (5/3) UWif Women’s Spiritual Growth Retreat, Comfort Inn

Registration begins at 5 PM, meal 6 PM

Saturday (5/4) UWif Women’s Spiritual Growth Retreat, 9 AM-1:30 PM

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

4/21/24 Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

4/28/24 Acts 8:26-40; Ps 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Joe Kolder, Lisa Braun, Mary Whinnen, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Carol Weinert, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Sharon V. & Celie N.’s brother, Lynn LaRose, , Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Penny Tracy & her family health concerns (Fran & Sue), Kerry Billings family concerns, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Carolyn Williams brother-in-law Tom, Michael Haynes, Connie Whatsitt, and unspoken requests.



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**“WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD’S LOVE,
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“4th Sunday of Easter”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Prelude by C. Harris

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 23

ACTS of the APOSTLE READING: Acts 4:5-12

*PRAISE CHORUS: UMH 174 His Name Is Wonderful

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Our God is a God of love. He loves us so much that He sent his Son Jesus to die for us, as unworthy as we are. Does this not prove how great His love for us is?

P: We are awed by this great love. We cannot fully comprehend it, for we know people are sometimes not very easy to love. Who can love a Hitler, or a Stalin? Yet even these people whom we find totally evil were loved by a few who knew them well.

L: Yes, people, all people, can be unlovable at times. Yet we are told to love one another, just as God loves us. Further, we are told to love not just in word alone, but also in deed. Our actions speak louder than our words, and we are to show our love through our actions.

P: This is hard for us. It can be hard to speak words of love and show loving actions when we are confronted by people who abuse us and treat us badly. We do not want to love such people!

L: God loves all of us, all the time. That does not mean that He loves all of our actions. Indeed, He cannot love the evil we do or the hurtful and untrue words we say. That is why He corrects us when we are wrong, just as a loving parent corrects the misbehaving child. But still, He loves us. Do we believe this?

P: O Dear God, help us to see and to fully believe that Your love for us in unending, even when we do what is wrong. Help us to understand when You correct us that You do so because You love us, not to hurt us or get even with us. Help us also to love others just as You love us, even when they do what is wrong, even though we cannot love the wrong they do.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 57 (v. 1,2,3,4,7) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*APOSTLES' CREED: UMH 881

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 419 I Am Thine, O Lord

*EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:16-24

SERMON We Abide in Christ

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: The Heart of God arr. E. J. Lorenz

*DOXOLOGY: UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

FAVORITE HYMN Congregations Choice

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 408 The Gift of Love

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN: UMH front cover Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: Celebration by J. Denton

April Mission Noisy Offering — Heifer International

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* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE