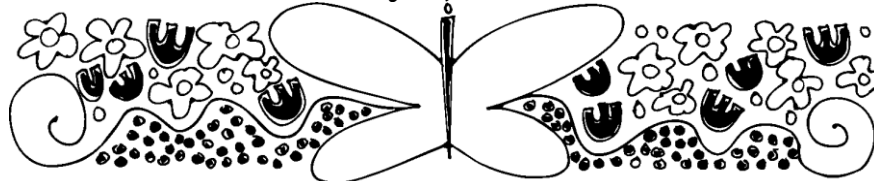


Faith United Methodist Church

May 2, 2020



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#334

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revised
when we shall leave this place.*

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:9-10, 21-25

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and

guardian of your souls.

Psalm 23

R – *My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
leads me beside still waters, restores my life,
leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live. R

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#381

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.*

*We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.*

*Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my

sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Gospel Response: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Children's Time

Special Music

Precious Lord

Prayer: Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: **explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Witness

Into the Unknown: Care

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

Gloria Patri

Gloria 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 with-out end. A-men. A-men.

Song of Prayer: *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.*

Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Confession & Pardon

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Peace of Christ **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**

Song of Offerings: Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you remember me; do, Lord, oh Lord, oh do you, remember me; do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you, remember me, way beyond the blue.

Collecting of Tithes & Offering

Doxology: 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.

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

#140

as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Benediction

Benediction Response

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Prayer List

Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
Dolores Anderson
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio
Shirley Battaglio
Linda Bergen
Robert & Alicia Besser
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Mary Callahan
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
Communities of Onalaska & Jasper
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis
Bobbye Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Lane Duhe
Julie Duplichan
Joe Floyd
Julie & Lucy Floyd
Family of Vance Gerald
Lorene Green
Rachel Grimmett
MaryJo Hebert
Christie Hale
Edna & Raymond Jones
Alice Kethley
Shirley Kethley
Kristie Key
Clyde Landry
Family of Rose Latta
Gail Lauve
Christi Leblanc
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Orianna Marchand
Matt Markos
Barbara Martin
Lloyd Martin
Linda Meyers
Maribeth Moore

Ron & Michelle Mueller
Joyce Murphy
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim Padgett
John & Candance Perkins
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Mercedes Pierson
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Joann Savelle
Jim & Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
James Sowell
Kim Streed
Bob Taylor
Loretta Thibodeaux
The Family of Ryder Thompson
Sadina Hammock Ward
Mary Alice Weitzel
Mary Rose Williams
Gail Wright
Greta Zerasky



We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Attributes

Hymns: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" words & music by: Doris Akers, 1962, © 1962 Manna Music. "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" words attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp and music by William B. Bradbury, in public domain. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" words by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 music by William M. Runyan 1923 © 1923 Hope Publishing Co. **Service Music:** Gospel Response: "Jesu, Jesu" words by: Tom Colvin, 1969, Music Ghana folk song; adapt. By Tom Colvin, 1969, ©1969 Hope Publishing. Song of Prayer: "Alleluia, Alleluia" words & music by: Donald Fishel, 1973. © 1973 The Word of God. Song of Offering: "Do Lord" word: Afro-American spiritual, music by: Afro-American spiritual; adapted and arr. By William Farley Smith, 1986. © 1989, United Methodist Publishing House. Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" words by: Thomas Ken, 1674, music by: Attri. To Louis Bourgeois, 1551 in public domain, Benediction response: "Lift High the Cross" words by: George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, music by: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916 in public domain, © United Methodist Publishing House, 1989 **Liturgy:** "Psalm 23" music by Joseph Gelineaus © United Methodist Publishing House, 1989; "Precious Lord" words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey, © 1938 Hill & Range Songs, Inc, renewed Unichappell Music, Inc. used by permission. Prayer of Illumination, adapted from Luke 24:32 Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*, Prayers of the People, 1979 Book of Common Prayer, used with permission, Scripture are from New Revised Standard Version used by permission. Confession & Pardon words by Ruth Duck, The United Methodist Book of Worship ©1992, United Methodist Publishing House, used with permission, CCLI License #3821436 One License A-733754 used by permission.