

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

April 22, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Liturgists: Skip Klingman (8:30AM);

SaraMarie Bodenstein (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

## I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.*

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens  
Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence  
Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude "Prelude in D Major" J. K. Fischer  
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome  
✠ "Feet and Greet" (*Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.*)

❖✠ Gathering Song "Mighty To Save" W. & S. No. 3038  
(v. 1 soloist only; congregation sings only the "Refrain")

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP  
We were lost and going astray. **But now we return to our shepherd.**  
We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls. **This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life. Let us worship our Good Shepherd!**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL  
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 128  
"He Leadeth Me" (vv. 1, 2, 3)  
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Together, let us confess . . . **God of many pastures, forgive us when we seek to keep Your care for ourselves—believing that we alone have a special place in Your love. Loving Shepherd, call us once more that we might have the strength to open our eyes and see the needs of Your flocks all around us. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Even when our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts. The Good Shepherd leads us to safe pastures and restores our souls. Know God's forgiving love this day.

❖ ANTHEM "Keep in the Middle of the Road" Russell Robinson  
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

## II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd  
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163  
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]  
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163  
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

EPISTLE LESSON I John 3:16-24

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3105  
"In Christ Alone"

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18  
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY "Love Is More Than Just Words" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 23 See Lectionary Insert

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS  
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895  
❖ "The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

## III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Tranquility" C. Hubert Perry  
Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS  
Together, let us pray . . . **Loving Shepherd, as You have fed us in green pastures and quenched our thirst beside still waters, may the gifts we bring this day be food and drink, and shelter and warmth, to a world in need. May our offering reach into places of despair, and show the world that there is a Shepherd who brings comfort and hope. AMEN.**

### ✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelson, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob's bro.), Gloria Loken, Amy (sister of Dana Hoffman), Kay Tautfest, Janice Dupree.

Joys & Concerns—Western Oklahoma wildfires and all those suffering losses; Thanks for rain; Rev. Ken Tobler; Family of Matt Wynn; Barry Blagowsky (medical tests); 1LT Jimi Drue Blagowsky (on tng. mission in Seoul, Korea); Estranged families; Wanda Avant; Jackie Ludrick (recovering at home); Rose Ratcliffe; Okla. teachers, education, & legislators; Cherrie Payne (Brookdale); continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Joyce Hamburger; all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (staying at Ft. Leavenworth for heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

#### IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 546

*"The Church's One Foundation"* (vv. 1, 2, 5)

#### ✠ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Go forth and share the love of our Shepherd wherever you go. **We go to share the love of God.** Go forth and share the blessings of our Shepherd with everyone you meet. **We go to share the blessings of Christ.** Go forth and share the promise of our Shepherd with those who feel unworthy of God's love. **We go to share the hope of the Holy Spirit.** Go forth and share the grace we have found in the love of our Shepherd.

Amen? **AMEN!**

#### ✠❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3180

*"As We Part For the Towns and Cities"* (both vv.)

**As we part for the towns and cities,  
Where You summon us to go,  
Guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage,  
Teach us all we need to know.  
Keep us humble, fixed on You, forever seeking, born anew.  
Kindle holy fires within us; may Your Holy Spirit glow.**

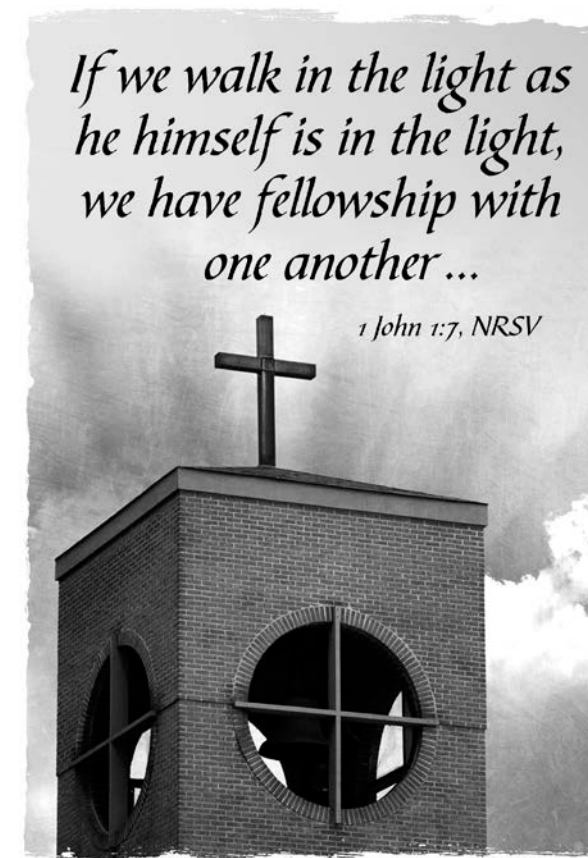
POSTLUDE

*"Tocatta in C Major"*

Pachelbel

Marti Bessinger, organ

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your  
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in  
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -  
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -  
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de -  
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.



#### TODAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> . . .

. THANKS to Jeff & Kim Short for donating funds to The Learning Tree so they can purchase the Toddler Train units enabling the children to be safely taken to Berrong Park on 6<sup>th</sup> Street this summer!

. You may mail a card of encouragement to Rev. Ken & Carol Tobler at: 3221 S. Pittsburg Place; Tulsa, OK 74135. Pastor Ken is battling lymphoma.

. Nar-Anon is now meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30PM at the W'ford Food & Resource Center, 122 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (enter thru the volunteer door). Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a 12 step program, they offer their help by sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

#### Coming Up . . .

, Next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> . . .

Our Youth Group, under the direction of Kelley Ramey, will be leading us in both worship services. Madison Carman will be our youth guest preacher for the day. 2:00PM—Devotional service at WeatherCORN. Come help us sing and fellowship with our friends.

, Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> . . .

National Day of Prayer. There will be a Prayer Breakfast at Lucille's Restaurant, 7AM to 7:45AM. Individuals or groups may go to Centennial Park for prayer at their convenience. Prayer booklets will be available.

, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> . . .

10:30AM worship service—The Christian Education committee will be recognizing all our church teachers with a special blessing during worship. There will also be an Appreciation Cookout at Means Park on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM as a way of thanking our teachers for their service to our church. RSVP to the church office.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30AM service.