

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

April 8, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

2nd 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 "Wondrous Love Was There" arr. Sandra Eithum
JuBELLation Handbell Choir; Maxine Page, director

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

This is the day to walk in the light. **This is the day to share signs of peace.** This is the day to believe where we have not seen. **This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.** Come! Let us worship the Lord of life!

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 632

"Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether" (all 3 vv.)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Joy of all joys, You have shown us the light of our salvation, yet we often lurk in the shadows. You promise us the glory of everlasting life, yet we settle for the tarnished glow of selfish pursuits. Forgive us. Help us believe where we have not seen; help us walk bravely in the midst of our fear, that we may truly know Your peace each and every day. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE In Christ, God has forgiven not only our sins, but the sins of the whole world. Rejoice in the light and peace of the Holy One. Rejoice in the blessings of our God.

❖ ANTHEM "Holy Ground" arr. Paul Ferrin
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Rev. Brack

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 1:1-2:2

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3015
"How Great You Are"

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31

"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 "Having Life In His Name" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 133 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 "Loving Friend" Schulz
Children's Choir; Marti Bessinger, director

✠ 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 . . . **God of abundant grace, we live in a world where people's worth is often tied to their wealth. You have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offerings we bring before You now be signs of our commitment to help those in need and to live together as the family of God. 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.

Toys & Concerns—Family of Jess Ludrick (bro. of Dr. John Ludrick); Family of Linda Stengle; Wanda Avant (Cordell Nursing Home); joy & thanks for all our musicians sharing special music on Easter; Dru Sherman; Jackie Ludrick; rain; safe travels for all those traveling during Spring Break; Rose Ratcliffe; Okla. teachers, education, & legislators; LaVerna Reid; Cherrrie 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 W/CORN #301; 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. 308

"Thine Be The Glory" (all 3 vv.)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Walk in the light of God. Live in the light of God. Bask in the light of God. May the Light of all Lights transform your doubts into faith, and your sorrows into joy. Go with the peace of God.

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

"Pasticcio"

Jean Langlais

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.



A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
"Son, go and work in
the vineyard today."

MATTHEW 21:28

TODAY, APRIL 8th . . .

. 5:30PM—Work Area Committees meet in classrooms along the west-side corridor

6:30PM—Leadership Team meets in the Neonate Classroom area

. "Friends of Children Banquet" fundraiser for the Circle of Care will be Friday, April 20th, 6-8PM at the OKC Cowboy Hall of Fame.

We now have two tables of 8 fully donated. Sign up to attend, FREE, for a seat at our local church table.

Only 1 seat remaining! Sign-up today!

. "Cookies For The Kairos Walk" is a prison ministry that Pastor Velma supports. She needs 150 dozen cookies for the event in April. We need your cookies delivered to the church office by April 11th. No nuts or raisins in the cookies, please. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Thanks!

. Ministry opportunity available to help support The Learning Tree Pre-School. They have a need for a "Kids Choo Choo Train & Trailer Combo" that allows the teachers to pull and transport up to 12 children outdoors. They would like to begin pulling the youngest children in these pull-along trains to the Berrong City Park on Huber Street this summer. Total cost is \$720. Perhaps a class or individual would like to make this donation. See the pastor if interested.

Coming Up . . .

. 90th Birthday Party for MARION DAVIDSON will be celebrated on Monday, April 16th, 3-5PM, at the Heartland of America Museum. No gifts, please.

. 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.

. Sunday, April 29th . . .

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.