

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

April 14, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Offertorium aus der ungarischen Krönungs-Messe” by Franz Liszt*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: We are called to believe and trust

INTROIT: (11:00) “He Is Lord” (Hymn #97)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We are called to be God's children.

People: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

People: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

All: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. AMEN.

***HYMN: #248 “He Lives”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 4 (page 533) {A.B. page 606}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Under His Wings” Ira Sankey arr. by J. Miller **Dave Babcock**

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Peace Like a River” arr. Joel Raney **The United Church Choir**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-7 (page 1208) {A.B. page 1371}

Sermon

“Peace”

(Luke 24:36-49)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #598 “Peace, Perfect Peace” (vs 1-4)** CCLI Song #33942, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Auf meinen lieben Gott” by Dietrich Buxtehude*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #610 “Through the Love of God Our Savior”**

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COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONARY: (8:45) Linda Werts (to Tabi, Mexico)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Toccata on “O Filii et Filiae” by Lynnwood Farnam*

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Jack Alan Quimby on April 3rd. He is the son of Chloe and Matt Quimby. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Hiram Bailey, Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner’s mother), Carly and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Tom Fortunato (Bill’s brother), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

Cancer: Amy Jelensperber (Sheppard family), Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (friend of Steve & Beth Smythe), Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan & Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber)

Recovering: Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Gabbi Seeber, Kerry Van Iseghem, Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird

Comfort and Peace: Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

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**Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):**

- April 21 – School Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- April 27 – Testimony Saturday
- April 28 – Summer Mission Experience meeting
- May 5 – Exploring Membership Class
- June 2 – Church Picnic
- June 9 – Grad Sunday
- June 29 – Red Wings Game
- Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

***Highlights for This Week!***

- Next Sunday, April 21st, is **School Teacher Appreciation Sunday**. On this special Sunday, children are encouraged to invite a special school teacher to join them during the 11am service. After the service, we have a reception in the Fellowship Room with cookies and punch. So, we need some bakers to **make cookies** and **deliver them** to the **Fellowship Room** on **Sunday (4/21)** by **10:45am**. Please **sign up on Deb’s door** if you are able to help.
- **Wednesday, April 24th**, is our last Youth Club of the school year. In order to allow all our regular Youth Club volunteers enjoy our meal and closing program, **we need some volunteers** to help in the kitchen with serving and clean up. You will be asked to prep lemonade, salad, and pizza; serve our big crowd dinner and dessert, and clean up afterwards. You will also be able to eat some pizza! 😊 Help is needed from **5pm until about 7:15pm**. Please **sign up on Deb’s door** if you are willing and able to help out.
- **April 27 - 10:00 AM - Testimony Saturday!** Come and hear our very own Julie Stave share her testimony. Can you help with food? Please see the sign up on the bulletin board (located down the hall, across from the nursery).
- **April 28 - 12:00 PM - United Church’s Summer Mission Experience Meeting** - In lieu of a GROUP Workcamp trip this year, we are coordinating our own missions experience this summer! Join us to make our own experience to meet needs in our very own community! We will also have flexibility on dates and times, which will help our families work around their busy summer schedules.

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ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY? If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**
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# MISSIONS ~ Faith and Action

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matt 28:20

Thanks for One Great Hour of Sharing \$3435 contributions. Many families whose lives were disrupted by war, famine, floods, or tornados will have more hope, more joy, and more peace because we care.

Our March donations will be added to donations from other congregations

We in America are so much more fortunate than many in other parts of our world. Our country has been blessed with material riches. Our homes are secure. We can go to our churches and worship God as we desire. We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom.

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

“But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

“Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

“ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless<sup>[d]</sup>? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,”<sup>[e]</sup> and he was called God’s friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.” James 2:17-2

**THANK YOU FOR CARING**

## Church World Service School Kits



We have 1 week left to collect supplies to fill 77 school kits for students. Please purchase only the listed items and leave them in the box in the Gathering Area. For each kit we need the following: one pair of blunt scissors( rounded tip only), three 70 count bound notebooks, one 12” ruler, one hand-held pencil sharpener, one large eraser, six new unsharpened pencils with erasers, one 24 pack of crayons.

There is a sample filled bag on display as well as some empty bags if you prefer to complete one or more. The youth in the Cause will be filling and packing bags and we hope to collect enough supplies to fill all 77 kits!

**We are especially short of the notebooks and crayons!**



**Children’s Time** ~ There is Children’s Time today. After the children’s sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

**Nursery care** is offered during both services and during the Sunday school hour for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend adult classes or help in children’s classes. **8:45am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **9:45am Sunday school nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. **11:00am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.



## The Silent Auction date has changed!

The Auction will be June 9 – June 16.

See the table in the Welcome Center and the May Lamplighter for details.

## Support for our Ukrainian, Haitian refugees

In our community and across the United States, Ukrainian and Haitian refugee families, fleeing war and violence in their homelands, have settled here legally for a period of 2 years under Humanitarian Parole.

The clock is ticking. For many, those 2 years are almost up.

If you would be willing to sign a letter to our elected representatives, asking for an extension for those on Humanitarian Parole, please see Cathy Bush or Wendy Stoddard after the service. We will have these petitions available to sign for a couple weeks yet.

As Mark Bowers from World Relief recently stated,

“What voices will shape our nation’s leaders, if those of us who love the way of Jesus remain silent?”

## Family Promise

Twice a year the United Church supports Family Promise with their mission to help homeless families by collecting grocery store gift cards. Family Promise houses these families in their emergency shelter apartments but relies on congregations to help supplement the families' SNAP benefits. Walmart, Aldi and Tops gift cards are most appreciated in \$25 and \$50 denominations and can be left at the office or put in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of these families in need!