**unday, March 31, 2024**

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

**Easter…**

\*Please stand if able…

PRELUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTs**

This very day, God has acted.**Today, we will rejoice and be glad!** We know the message that God sends to all people.

**God’s peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available to all through the Lord of life**The one who lived among us,

**People: doing good and healing all,**

Leader: was crucified, dead and buried.

**People: But God raised him on the third day.**

Leader: This very day, God has acted.

**People: Today, we will rejoice and be glad! AMEN**

\*OPENING HYMN: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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**LITUR**March 31st DeEtta Annala

April 7th Deborah Ross-Jagunich

April 14th Sue Malevich

**USHERS SCHEDULE**

March 31st Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

April 7th John Malevich

April 14th DeEtta Annala

March 25th-31st John and Norma Z.April 1st-7th Jagunich

April 8th-14th Matteson

April 7th

133850 (UMH 850)Acts 4:32-351John 1:1-2:2As you will notice on the schedule page, we are back to using Ushers again… So we will be passing the offering plate again during the service.

Noisy Offering will be taken today – hope we have lots of change to make the can make tons of noise.

The next Coffee An’ will be held on Sunday, April 14th…. Warren, MaryAnn and Lyle will be serving.

**God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus’ suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes.**

PSALM READING: Psalm 118:14-24 839-840

CHILDREN’S TIME

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Time of Silent Prayers**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 and ever.**

**AMEN**

\*HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 327

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

\*HYMN: *Up From the Grace He Arose*  322

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**

**\*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**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace, you bring into the world.**

**AMEN**

HYMN: *Let Us Break Bread Together* 618

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COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

**\***HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE