**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

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**“Open hearts. Open Minds. Open doors.”**

\*Please stand if able…

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We have been freed!

**People: Fear and death have no claim on us!**

Leader: Christ the Lord has risen!

**People: Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, yet we believe.**

Leader: Even though we have not heard him speak our names, yet we believe.

**People: Let us celebrate God’s love through the life of Jesus Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN: *To God Be The Glory*  98

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts to remember the blessings of your light and love as they flow through our lives each day. In this**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

April 7th Deborah Ross-Jagunich

April 14th Sue Malevich

April 21st Warren Ross

**USHERS SCHEDULE**

April 7th John Malevich

April 14th DeEtta Annala

April 21st Candace Barshaw

**YARD WORK** (week runs Monday-Sunday)

April 1st-7th Jagunich

April 8th-14th Matteson

April 15th-21st Peterson

Scripture Readings for next week (April 14th)

Psalm 4 (UMH 741)

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As you will notice on the schedule page, we are back to using ushers. So we will be passing the offering plates again during the worship service. So check the usher schedule in the bulletin.

Coffee An’ will be next Sunday – Warren, MaryAnn and Lyle will be serving.

Pastor MaryLou will be gone on April 14th – DeEtta will fill the pulpit.

**moment, open hearts to your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the truths of your story. Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us. And open our eyes to your glory – glory reflected in the faces around us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray.**

**AMEN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don’t feel like singing. Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring. Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith. Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors becauses we are so focused on ourselves. Forgive us. Draw us back to you and tone another. Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ.**

**AMEN**

PSALM READING Psalm 133 850

\*HYMN: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*  357

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: *Trust and Obey*  467

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 1:1-2:2

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

\*HYMN: *He Lives*  310

**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**

**Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the words of the apostle John about the Word of life. Just as your Word brings light into our lives, may our giving be an act of generosity, a reflection of the abundance of your grace and love. We thank you for the forgiveness and grace offered through your Son, Jesus Christ, and as we give, may we also steward these gifts wisely for the betterment of your kingdom. In Jesus’ name, we pray.**

BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE