

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Gathering Music

Shirley Burkhartzmeyer

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Jef Olson

- Sign-Up Sheet is available for reading Scripture
- Potluck, sponsored by mission committee on May 4, following worship

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

His love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day;

Let us rejoice today and be glad!

*Invocation

Special Music: "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Fourth Avenue Four

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:27-35

Ian Pope

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. ³⁵ Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men.

Children's Message: "Doubting Thomas"

Spark Story Bible, pp. 492-495

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Ian Pope

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

#369, UMH

Message: Scars

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Hymn: "Hymn of Promise"

#707, UMH

Celebration of Generosity: Reporting Total of Easter Offering

Easter Offering designated for: 50% to apportionments and 50% to Ridgeview Heights emergency/affordable housing development

Offertory "How Long Has it Been"

Fourth Avenue Four

*Doxology
*Offering Prayer

#95, UMH

Prayers of the People (Joys & Concerns)

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. Amen.

Musical Benediction: "Irish Blessing" Fourth Avenue Four

Postlude Shirley Burkhartzmeyer

****Please join us after worship in the annex for a time of fellowship.****

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Pastoral emergencies- Jef Olson 507-951-1271

Church Calendar Of Events

Sun. Apr. 27	9am Worship
Sun. Apr. 27	Pastor Amy Jo on vacation until May 3 rd
Mon. Apr. 28	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. Apr. 30	6pm Choir
Thurs. May 1	6:30pm Trustee's in Parlor
Thurs. May 1	7pm OP23-0 in Library
Sat. May 3	10am-12pm Jesus Food Pack, Farbo Mall
Sat. May 3	RC Piece Makers Work Day
Sun. May 4	9am Worship/Communion
Sun. May 4	Native American Ministries
Sun. May 4	10:30am Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Community Announcements

United Women of Faith: Our next gathering will be Thursday, May 8th at noon in the parlor room. This will be a salad luncheon. Please call Carolyn Minshall at 507-332-8683 to confirm your attendance and let her know the item you are bringing.

Giving Report

Apr. 13	\$2, 802.00	Easter Offering \$ 225.00
Apr. 20	\$2, 609.00	Easter Offering \$1, 260.00