

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 14 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. T. Birchwood

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

**People: Come, let us put our trust in God.**

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**People: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**People: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

**Hymn #435** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Carl Zukas

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us

whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People: Alleluia! Amen!

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 3:12-19 NT p. 120

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 John 3:1-7 NT p. 240

**SERMON** "Children of God"

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #703** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *from a Brief Statement of Faith*  
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory** "Just as I Am" R. Wetzler

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**HYMN #819** "Be Still, My Soul"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Postlude in D Major" H. Rinck

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.*

*We believe that we are all ministers supported by:*

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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**TODAY'S ACOLYTE: GAVIN MOTOSICKY**

Soon you will be seeing new (traffic) signs on the church property. This is to limit some of the liberties our neighbors have been taking regarding our property. The signs are meant to protect church property and reduce our liability in the event of accidents. The signs will also be a means of protecting unattended children who use the church property without permission and will help to protect the children in our programs and participants in the DanceClik. For members or friends of AUPC, we will allow non-church hour parking with prior notice and permission. If you have a need to use our parking lot for an extended period of time, please contact the office. Thank you, Building and Grounds

***A special welcome to our visitors.*** If you are seeking Christ, we trust you will find Him; if you are sorrowing, we pray you will receive comfort; if you are troubled in spirit, we pray you will gain the blessings of peace; if you are discouraged, we pray you will find hope in our Lord. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we invite you to consider uniting with us.



**Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table  
after the Resurrection**

by Duccio di Buoninsegna

Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena; 1308-1311?

Located in the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo Siena, Italy

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Cathy Hubbard  
Barb Hurley  
Faith Friend: Lani Knox  
Our Church: Ministry Team  
Church(s): Crete Church Moderator: Michelle Worzbyt  
Presbytery: Upper Ohio Valley (Synod of The Trinity)  
Denomination: Church of the Brethren  
Nation: Australia - Canberra

**IMMEDIATE** *Mary Harbison family, Debbie, Curt Cyberling, Christine, Joe, Kim Liska, Joe Suain, Geoff Atkinson, Family of Kayla Green, family of Marge Bernat, family of Judy Herstek, Kiski Musical joy, Chester Ferracio family, Niki's father (David Brodeur), Marilyn Repasky, Kirk Siverling, Cindy ,Linda's shoulder, Butch and Donna Schreengost, Clarissa Dill Family, Joelene, Family and friends of Jane Perkins, 8-yr-old John, Kim Altmire, Tim Kanish.*

**CONTINUING** *Sam Deliek, Candy Graham and family, Bill Schriber family, Cathy Piper-Bikle, Chelsea, Nancy Campitella, Cathy, family of Dorothy Hancock, Eddie, Scott and Nancy Hubbard, Matt, Soup donations ☺, patient with kidney disease, Carol Kopnick ☺, Sidney Jones family, Linda Gould, Ann Cloonan, Dwayne S. traveling mercies & also for Stephanie's brother.*

**ONGOING** Donnie Riggle, Jim Crawford, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Matt Summerhill, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Mary Harbison, LaRue Mumaw, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

**MINISTRY** All those affected by the Coronavirus and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Joe Biden, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership.

**Apollo Community VBS**  
**July 8-11; 5:45pm-8:15pm**  
**@ Boiling Springs Church**



**"God's Neighborhood"**

## April 14, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<b>Worship/Youth Sunday School</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	<b>Fellowship Reception</b>	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Prayer Shawl Knitters	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Bells	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<b>Ministry Team</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<b>Welcome Rev. Don Wilson and Mr. David McFarland</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

On Sunday, April 21, David McFarland of the Gideons group will be sharing about their ministry during a Minute 4 Mission. The Session has voted that on that Sunday, all loose offerings will be donated to the Gideons organization for their mission and ministry. You may also write a check to donate, just put "Gideons" in the memo line. Thank you for giving generously to all of God's work in this world.

### SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

April 14 ~ Laura Uncapher and Amy Zukas  
April 21 ~ Amy Shupe and Scott Hollabaugh  
April 28 ~ Derek Hilty and

### COMING UP!

**YOUTH CLEAN-UP NIGHT ~ April 15 ~ 6 PM**  
**PENNY COUNT & PIZZA PARTY ~ May 5 after worship**  
**KIDS KRAFTS ~ Friday, May 10, 6:30 PM**  
**MOTHER'S DAY ~ Sunday, May 12**  
**YOUTH LOCK IN ~ Fri. (5/17) 7 PM – Sat. (5/18) 8 AM**  
**PENTECOST, GRADUATION SUNDAY, RECOGNITIONS & THANK YOUS ~ Sunday, May 19 WEAR RED!**

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. April's requested donations **scrub brushes and pump-style air fresheners**. Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?... . See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.







