**Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church**

**April 11, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

**Announcements:**

* **Today –** Noisy Money Offering *(MUMMS – Mobile United Methodist Missionaries – a ministry that serves southern Iowa with youth outreach).*
* **April 15 –** Hedrick-Martinsburg UMC Scholarship Deadline

**Call To Worship:**

L: What great joy we have!

**P: Our Lord is risen!**

L: Walk in the light of his love.

**P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

L: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer:** Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

**Song: They’ll Know we are Christians TFWS # 2223**

**Joys and Concerns/ Pastoral Prayer/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 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.

**Special Music by Lanessa Baker**

**Offertory Prayer:**  Generous God, we don’t give because you make us.

We don’t give because anyone else is watching. We give because we are grateful and because we want to be part of the work of your kingdom in every way we can. As we make our gifts to you, we affirm the Resurrection power that we have seen, and so we say again, “Alleluia!” In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!  \***Doxology: 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.**

**Song: There is a Fountain Filled with Blood UM Hymnal #622**

**Children’s Time** *by Jenell Millikin*

**Scripture Reading:** *by Jenell Millikin*

**John 3: 1-8** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.  Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

**John 6: 53-57** Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

L: The Word of God for the People of God **P: Thanks be to God All: Amen!**

# Message: “How Can I Know Jesus?”

**Song: How Great Thou Art - Carrie Underwood**

**Benediction:** Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection - Easter people! AMEN