

## 3rd Sunday of Easter—Bulletin for April 18, 2021

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Please be advised:  
Pastor Rolland's  
cell phone number is:  
(815) 718-3022.

Also, Rolland's work e-mail  
address is now:

**Rev.Rhay@gmail.com**

### Worship Info

**\*Per State of Illinois  
Covid guidelines, we can  
now have up to 50 people  
in attendance during  
Sunday Worship!**

**\*Currently, the lift is not  
working.**

**\*If you are not  
feeling well or have been  
exposed to Covid, please  
view through Zoom!  
Thank you.**



### Worship Service in-Church Today —The service is also Live via Zoom

The Link, Meeting ID and Passcode are attached with the bulletin.

**--Due to Covid regulations, we  
still are not able  
to congregate or visit.**

**--Come in, be seated and when the service is  
over, go ahead and exit.**

**--Some pews are taped off  
for social distancing.**



### LET US PRAY FOR...

Pastor Carolyn Lukasick  
Charlie C.  
Darin D.  
Derek P.  
David D.  
Melanie M.  
Peg H.  
Rachel (friend of Betty H.)  
Rose L.  
Sandy S.



**FAMILY OF...(DECEASED)**  
Pauline Lawhorn



***Please e-mail your prayer requests by Thursday if  
possible, so that we can keep the prayer list up to date!  
Thank you.***

**ROCKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Order of Worship — Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021**

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: My Beloved, we are God's Children.  
And we are here for the One Who saved us.*

**People: We are here to remember Jesus Christ.  
We want to be like Him, Who lives by love.**

*Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends,  
And His Mercies are always new.*

**People: The love of God has poured into us.  
God's Mercy has been revealed to us.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

*(Pass the Peace of Christ)*

*Pastor: The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us.  
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**People: And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

TUMH #89

*(Please stand if able)*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

## INVOCATION

**ALL**

God of all creation, bring to us, the sense of Your living Presence as we go into this new week. Renew in us the faith You want us to have, the faith that is not afraid to reach out in Your Name and to share the treasure You have given us, that treasure which is greater than silver and gold. Father, You know our hearts, You know our needs, and You know the hearts of those around us and their needs. Search us, O God. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**Pastor**

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

**New Testament**

*(Please rise, if you are able)*

1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:26b-48

### \*Response:

**Thy Word Is a Lamp**

*(Refrain Only)*

TUMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path.

### MEDITATION

“The Mission Is Still the Same”

**Pastor Rolland Hayag**

### MUSIC and SONG

“The Mission”

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

**Pastor**

*Our offering is an act of faith in the form thanksgiving. We give in response to all the gifts we have been given. We give in gratitude. We give because love grows as it is shared.*

### OFFERING

*(Ushers will bring the offering plate into the Sanctuary while the Hymn of Response music is played)*

### \*Hymn Response

“We Give Thee, But Thine Own”

*(On the screen)*

**(Please Rise)** We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Pastor**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

“Take Time to Be Holy”

*(Please stand, if able)*

TUMH #395

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;

Abide in him always, and feed on his word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,

Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;

Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;

Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,

And run not before him, whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,

And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

*(Continued —>)*

*(Take Time to Be Holy, Continued)*

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Pastor**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

*Amen! Amen! Amen!*

**POSTLUDE**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**BEWARE OF PHISHING SCAM!!!** A heads-up that scammers continue to be busy: Beware of scam emails pretending to be the Bishop or a DS. First check the email address that is connected to a familiar name - **if you receive emails from the Bishop or a DS that are not from @umcnic.org, that is spam. Do not respond.** Our conference communications director also asks that we forward those to [reportphish-ing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphish-ing@apwg.org). Then delete the email. *Debbie Rogers*, Regional Administrative Assistant, NIC UMC. Cell: (630) 465-2941, [www.umcnic.org](http://www.umcnic.org).

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### **Still On the Hunt for Church Lawnmower -- From John Carleton**

The Trustees are looking for the gray-Craftsman (we think its Craftsman) lawn mower that was in the garage at the Parsonage. If you should know where it is or what may have happened to it, please contact the Church Office or John Carleton. Thank you!

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### **2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE — THE 182nd NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD JULY 16-17 ONLINE THROUGH A ZOOM WEBINAR.**

- 2020 Ordination and Commissioning Service - Rescheduled to **April 24 at 3 p.m.** Limited in-person/Invite-only service. \*Due to COVID-19, health and safety guidelines, in-person attendance is strictly limited to ordinands, candidates, participants and invited guests. (Livestreamed on NIC YouTube channel and Facebook page.)
- Online registration opens **June 1 and closes June 30. Cost: \$30** (covers video production, voting technology, worship planning and other administrative expenses.)
- Clergy Session - **June 28, 10 am - 12 noon** via Zoom.
- Legislation and Historical Documents due **May 3.** (no exceptions) 2021 Ordination Service - **Oct. 1.** Limited in-person service - Fall Session - **Oct. 2**

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**—April Birthdays—***Roy C., April 3; Sandy Stamm, April 6; Jean Cooper, April 10; Robert Hayenga, April 12; June Althoff, April 18; Sadaf Savinejad, April 20; Lesa Stevens, April 27—April Anniversaries—***David and Linda Martin, April 7; David and Patsy Dach, April 23**

