

Please continue to remember: relatives of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Ryan DeRidder and family*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. Reminder that we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

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Sunday, April 18, 2021

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3rd Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Air* J. S. Bach
Christopher Shay, organ

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Carolyn Shay, Liturgist
based on Psalm 4 (Psalter for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B)
from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*

Answer us when we call, O God. Be gracious to us and hear our prayer.
When we are in distress, you make space for us. You put gladness in our hearts, as with a fine feast.

When we are disturbed, may we not sin, but ponder things on our beds, and be silent.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace. For you alone, Lord, make me lie down in safety.

*OPENING HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Hymns sung by Carolyn Shay

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Carolyn Shay
based on Luke 24
from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*

Holy God, we give thanks that you often reveal yourself to be different from our expectations. When we long for the love we have known in the past, our eyes are dimmed to the beauty you reveal to us now. As your first followers struggled to see how a suffering savior

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Carolyn Shay*, Liturgist, Reader and Singer; *Mike Boisseau*, Children's Time.

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast.

Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to "Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary" and click the link for livestreaming. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

The Prayer Corner

In the hospital: *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto* (VA Hospital, West Haven)

In rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

Home from the hospital: *Liam McGrath* (surgery on April 7 at New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York City)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, *Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason*, *Meg Temple*, *John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau*, *Mollie Cole*, *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, *Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Caroline Cloud*; *Amelia Eager* (friend of the Temple family); *Brett Toomes* (fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman*); *John Fleming*; *Steve Thomas*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher*, *Bob Asman*, *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*



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Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Week of April 18, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex. Immediately following today's worship service, please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Easter on the Christian calendar. The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The liturgical colors are white and gold, which are used on special days and seasons specifically honoring Christ.

Today is also Native American Ministries Sunday in the United Methodist Church. The special offering received this day underwrites urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships to Native Americans attending UMC seminaries, and annual conference Native American ministries. An offering envelope is provided as a bulletin insert.

Altar flowers are given this week by *Rynn Naylor*, "to the Glory of God and in loving memory of a dear friend, *Arlene Webb* who on Friday, April 9th entered in the rest of God and His glory."

could be the messiah, we strain to recognize you still today. Come, Spirit, make yourself known in the study of scripture, in our songs of praise, and especially in the grace and love we offer one another. Make yourself known in every friend we have yet to meet, in your good and blessed name. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Mike Boisseau

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Thomason

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Carolyn Shay

Lessons for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

New Testament Lesson: Acts 3:12-19 (*NRSV*)
Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

While the man whom Peter had healed clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the

prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-48 (NRSV)
Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While the disciples were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

SERMON *The Scars Remain* Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision*

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

*POSTLUDE

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

Walther

