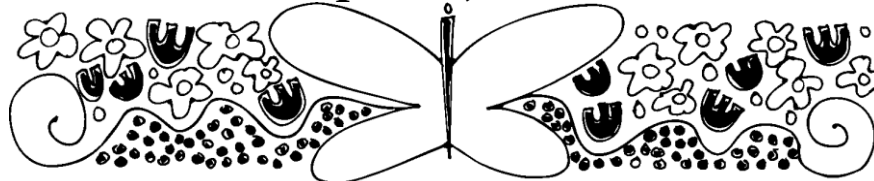


# Faith United Methodist Church

April 26, 2020



Third Sunday of Easter

□ ↑ Alleluia. Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

#277

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.*

*Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"*

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you

have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Psalm 116

**R** – *The cup of salvation I will raise, and call on the name of the Lord.*

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,  
and has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
**‘O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!’ R**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;  
**I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

I kept my faith, even when I said, ‘I am greatly afflicted’;  
**I said in my consternation, ‘all humans are a vain hope.’ R**

What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?  
**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**  
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.

You have loosed my bonds.  
**I will offer to you the thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,  
**in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! R**

Hymn

*Were You There*

#288

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

## Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their

companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

**Gospel Response:** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Children’s Time

Special Music

*My Life, My Death, My Love*

Prayer: Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: **explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Witness

*Into the Unknown: Love*

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

*Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.*

**Song of Prayer:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.*

Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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.**

#### Confession & Pardon

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Peace of Christ   **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**

**Song of Offerings: Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you remember me; do, Lord, oh Lord, oh do you, remember me; do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you, remember me, way beyond the blue.**

#### Collecting of Tithes & Offering

*Doxology: Praise 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.*

#### Hymn

*Christ Is Risen*

*Chris is risen! Shout Housanna! Celebrate this day of days.*

**#307**

*Chris is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Lift High the Cross*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

## Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux  
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
Shirley Battaglio  
Linda Bergen  
Robert & Alicia Besser  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Mary Callahan  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Communities of Onalaska, Jasper  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis  
Bobbie Dean  
Mary Delafosse  
Tammy Dufour  
Lane Duhe  
Julie Duplichan  
Jerre Edmondson  
Joe Floyd  
Julie & Lucy Floyd  
*Family of Vance Gerald*  
Lorene Green  
MaryJo Hebert  
Christie Hale  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Alice Kethley  
Shirley Kethley  
Kristie Key  
Clyde Landry  
*Family of Rose Latta*  
Gail Lauve  
Christi Leblanc  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
Barbara Martin  
Lloyd Martin  
Linda Meyers  
Maribeth Moore

Ron & Michelle Mueller  
Joyce Murphy  
Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
John & Candance Perkins  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps  
Mercedes Pierson  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
Joann Savelle  
Jim & Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
Bob Taylor  
Loretta Thibodeaux  
Ryder Thompson  
Sadina Hammock Ward  
Mary Alice Weitzel  
Mary Rose Williams  
Gail Wright  
Greta Zeralsky



We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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